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Investigations underway to build marina in Barry

SMALL boats and yachts could be sailing into Barry Dock after the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Associated British Ports (ABP) commissioned The Marine Group to investigate the possibility of a marina at the site.

The dock area, which is owned and operated by ABP currently allows

cargo ships in and out of the dock and offers space for business, and is already home to Barry Community Water Activity Centre.

The council and ABP have jointly commissioned The Marine Group to carry out a feasibility study to investigate the technical and commercial viability of smaller boats and yachts accessing and mooring in the dock.

It will also look at

the economic benefits and challenges a marina would bring.

Cllr Lis Burnett, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, said: "This study is a great opportunity for us to look into the detail of creating a marina in Barry which, if it were to prove to be achievable, would add to the quality tourist and leisure destination that Barry has become and provide local job opportunities. There are some really exciting regeneration initiatives under way in the Barry area and this study could signal the next major opportunity. We are looking forward to working with Associated British Ports and The Marine Group to explore the project."

The Marine Group, whose marina portfolio includes Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Port Dinorwic and Barry Port,

have an excellent track record in exploring, delivering and operating high quality marinas in Wales.

Chris Odling-Smee, Marine Group director, said: "We are delighted to have been appointed to assist with the feasibility study of a full service marina on Barry Waterfront. Our expert consultants from Waterco, Pebble and Kaymac working alongside our own harbour management specialists will provide the best possible options to further the exciting momentum and success of Barry. Barry has the potential to become a strong contributor to the economic development of coastal Wales and a welcome addition to the network of marinas around Wales and beyond."

Read the full story
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Concerns raised over £26m road's design as it's turned into a 'canal'



A ROAD which the Welsh Government spent £26 million on has suffered flooding just weeks after opening.

The new route of the A4226 between the A48 and Barry was officially opened on October 15 to make it easier for motorists to get to and from Cardiff Airport. But the road – known locally as Five Mile Lane – was open a matter of weeks before parts of it were flooded when heavy rain hit the Vale of Glamorgan last weekend.

The Local Democracy Reporting Service has been told up to a foot of standing water was on the road in some places, including the lay-by near the Welsh

Hawking Centre. Campaigners are now criticising the design and drainage of the new road – with some locals dubbing the route "Five Mile Canal".

The council said the flooding affected the older parts of the road and occurred due to fly-tipping in the drainage system.

Ian Perry, from St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council said the new Five Mile Lane was built on the cheap with many of the active travel routes having been downgraded. He said sections of the foot and cycle paths along the road have been either narrowed or shortened, or offer no protection from vehicles travelling up to 60mph.

Mr Perry said: "They put saving

money ahead of safety and the needs of the public. There are design faults all over the place. Every time it rains there are water issues. They knew about these problems before, because it had been reported.

"They wanted to do it on the cheap."

The £25.8million route between Sycamore Cross and the A48, and the Weycock Cross roundabout in Barry was funded by Welsh Government and the design and construction was overseen by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

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 Matt Discombe, on page three.

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The Vale's recycling debacle continues

WEEK 1, collection day is Monday, usually 7am, collection wasn't made until Tuesday 11am.

Week 2, collection made at 7.30am on Monday, seemed to be going well except a lot of recycling scattered over the road; guess who had to clean it up?

Week 3, again collected at 7.30am but they decided that two pieces of plastic were not for them, even though clearly marked as recyclable. So the way to get rid of these offending items was to throw them on the garden so they can blow away, adding to the litter already gathering in odd corners of the district.

As I write this (Tuesday morning), the garden waste bags have still not been collected. Obviously the collectors cannot keep to their schedules, even though I am told that there are now two shifts working from 6am-2pm and 2pm-10pm.

What is the point of manufacturers producing new materials to try and resolve waste being placed in landfill, when our so-green council refuses to take them for recycling?

Perhaps they will supply us all with the chemical structure of each type of plastic they will accept, along with a testing kit so we don't make the mistake of putting in plastics clearly marked as recyclable in the plastics recycling bags.

Perhaps the council would like to inform us how much landfill has been reduced by, when it has now refused to take brown wrapping paper, paper bags, cardboard drinks cartons, shredded paper.

Broken glass is also not accepted: surely this is a danger to the collection teams if we are forced to put it in the non-recyclable black plastic bags? The rigid glass boxes would be a much safer place.

Whoever came up with this badly thought out, badly executed idea, needs have a complete rethink of this appalling system or resign from their position.

John Bailey, Llantwit Major.

Will taxpayers foot the bill for new Police centre?

I READ recently that the local authority had given their full backing to the South Wales Police new training and operations centre and that 650 extra people would be using the facility.

It doesn't say who will be paying for this, so I assume that means the taxpayers.

As much as most people in Bridgend would like to see more police officers in the area, there is no suggestion to say any more officers will be seen in the area.

It appears that the vast majority of these 650 people will be admin personnel and trainees from other parts of the UK.

It states that the new visitors and staff will be directed to use the new entrance at the rear of the existing Police HQ. Are the local authority and police aware of the existing problem of entering and exiting Bridgend Industrial Estate in the morning and late afternoon, especially when using the entrance from the B4181 onto North Road of the estate?

With regard to the new two storey gym, is this really a priority? I live alongside the racetrack that goes by the name of Church Acre on Brackla. For many years I, along with many more residents, have been trying to get the Police and Bridgend County Borough Council to provide a substantial speed deterrent along this road without any success. The reason is a lack of finance on every occasion I have tried.

There are most probably many like me who think

the money should be spent on more immediate problems, especially not a two storey gym. Bridgend and the immediate surroundings have at least half a dozen very good gyms the police could use, and at least one opposite the police station that is open 24 hours a day.

L Roberts, Bridgend.

Finished? There are still delays at Weycock Cross

HAVING sat in the gridlock that was the Port Road on October 14, I was relieved to hear in The GEM that the Five Mile Lane is completed.

I had been trying to reach Barry from Rhosee to take my sister for her flight, but this had to be abandoned due to the chaos and even the taxi she got struggled to get her to the airport in time.

But, we are told, the road is finished! Well, not according to what we experienced on October 20. The Five Mile Lane was closed and as we had intended visiting Dyffryn, took the alternative route via Culverhouse Cross.

Our route through St Nicholas was slowed a little due to many pumpkin pickers, but on the other side of St Nicholas we were met with another half an hour's traffic jam due to lights at Sycamore Cross.

My sympathies lie with those who have to travel these tortuous routes every day for work.

The people of Rhosee and surrounding areas are heartily sick of it, and this is further confirmation that the outrageous plan for Model Farm is a non-starter and should be thrown out without hesitation.

Helen Hooper, Rhosee.

Cosmeston Park-and-Ride to be dropped

THE scheme for park-and-ride buses to Cardiff via the Barrage should long ago have been seen as a non-starter.

Routing fast park-and-ride coaches through Penarth's town centre along our narrow streets, half-full with parked cars could never work. Council consultants said airily 'bus priority measures'; competent highway officers would have dismissed this pretence, but instead the council hired another consultant, Capita, to name possible routes to the Barrage, which anyone with local knowledge would say can't work.

NAT already run their 89 bus on much of the route; they have found many traffic delays and problem corners, worse for their larger bus, so could say running large park-and-ride coaches is impossible.

The Vale Council hired Capita to consider sustainable travel, but they have proposed little for cycling and nothing for walking.

No-one denies the major need for safe walking and cycling routes between Penarth and Cogan.

Windsor Road was designated an 'active travel' route, but is far substandard for safety, pollution and attractiveness.

Readers' Letters

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Capita just ignored this primary need, providing an excuse for the council to do likewise. What a shameful misuse of Welsh Government active travel grants.

Capita also ignored the proposal to re-open the Cogan underpass for pedestrians and cyclists to bypass the dreadful Windsor junction. It is an active travel route to Pont-y-Werin and Penarth Haven generally, recognised as inadequate even when built by South Glamorgan County Council.

Vale officers accepted re-opening the underpass is feasible, with the cooperation of Tesco store, but cramming maximum car parking on the old station yard is being given priority.

To help with congestion problems in the Barry-Penarth corridor, park-and-ride sites need to be to the east of Barry. The local Friends of the Earth proposed one at a new Biglis (Ty Verlon) railway station.

A bus park-and-ride could use ex-chemical industry land at Cadoxton.

Councillors have at last knocked out the Cosmeston Park site, they should also knock out Cogan station.

Max Wallis, Penarth.

Further questions raised on carpet

CAN I please ask if any of the so-called councillors on Barry Town Council have even been to see the beautiful carpet they are so upset about?

They say it is disrespectful to walk to the bar over it and that they had no right to use it for this purpose.

They have never been to see where the carpet is; they are just having a go because they think it might be good publicity.

They are wrong, because you cannot walk over it to get to the bar – it has been placed in a new area under three tables.

It has a margin of three or more feet around it, so even if you place your feet on it when sitting at those tables, unless you are over six feet tall, your feet are very unlikely to actually be on the crest.

Please tell me how you can walk over it? I would be delighted to know the answer to this as it's puzzling me.

As they are so upset by the carpet, will they also be asking them to take down all the pictures depicting Barry's history as well? I would think these are also demeaning to them – after all, the whole pub or restaurant is a shrine to Barry.

Like many others, I think they should pay a visit before they make fools of themselves and stop putting down a firm that has chosen to invest in Barry.

The council itself should be dealing with things within their remit – not behaving like toddlers that have thrown their toys out of the pram. I am sure there are more important things to involve themselves in.

Mrs T Branton, Rhosee.

New Five Mile Lane project's epic fail

I READ that a Vale spokesperson recently said that the new Five Mile Lane road would "reduce accidents, improve journey time and improve drainage."

Well, I tried to keep this in mind at the weekend as I virtually floated along it!

The whole project was pointless. Shave about two mins off travel time?... maybe.

The claim about it reducing accidents/speeding is ridiculous, because the new road will invite idiots to do just that and in any case they simply needed to add average speed cameras to the existing Five Mile Lane to achieve this at a fraction of the cost.

The improvement to drainage has clearly been seen to be wrong too, judging by the river the new development has created. It has rained worse than this before, but the old lane has never flooded so badly.

All this over priced unnecessary work, plus the impact on so much wildlife habitat.

Well done, 'Fail of Glamorgan Council'.

Mr P Hopkins, Barry.

Timing of press release 'reprehensible'

I AM no fan of Ross England, and not even a Conservative voter, but I find that the timing of the release of the 'breaking news' about AM candidate Mr England is remarkable.

It was held onto by someone, or an organisation, within the media until a day when it could do most damage not to Mr England, but the Conservative and Unionist Party and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

That day was the announcement of a General Election. This is reprehensible for a number of reasons: it is exploiting the judicial system;

it is a cynical use of information that, if it was released because it was thought to be in the public interest, should have been released much earlier;

it re-opens wounds for the rape victim, who, presumably, is merely 'collateral damage' in the frenzy to damage Mr Cairns by his opponents.

Finally, if Mr England's response in the witness box was so reprehensible, why did the judge not find him in contempt of court?

Ms Tiffany Dell, Dinas Powys.

Free swimming ends

FURTHER to my letter of October 19 regarding free swimming for over 60s, I found out on November 1 that from December 1, the concession is indeed coming to an end, with the only free swim times in Bridgend being one hour on Thursdays and one hour on Fridays.

Apologies to your correspondent Alun Howell, who obviously had this information before I did!

Christine McGiffie, Bridgend.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 14

| Date | Time | Height (metres) |
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| 10/11/2019 | 05.02 | 9.1 |
| 10/11/2019 | 17.19 | 9.3 |
| 11/11/2019 | 05.37 | 9.5 |
| 11/11/2019 | 17.53 | 9.7 |
| 12/11/2019 | 06.12 | 9.8 |
| 12/11/2019 | 18.25 | 9.9 |
| 13/11/2019 | 06.42 | 10.0 |
| 13/11/2019 | 19.01 | 10.0 |
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Barry to become 'marina destination'?



Looking out over Barry Waterfront.

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Andrew Harston, ABP regional director, said: "We are delighted to be working with the Vale of Glamorgan Council on this project, which has the potential to establish Barry as a marina destination by making use of the former working dock.

This could enable leisure and marina activities that will help to further stimulate tourism growth. The marina has the potential to complement other existing water-based activities at ABP's Port of Barry and, if feasible, will further add to the significant investment and economic regeneration that has already proved

successful at Barry Waterfront." Barry Dock is steeped in history as there was a time when the town was the largest coal exporting port in Britain.

Today, the regeneration of the waterfront has been transformative with a 2,000-home housing development moving towards its final stages.

Construction has also begun on the £9 million Goods Shed development at the Innovation Quarter, which will include new restaurants, workspace and housing.

Consultations will take place in the next few months with key stakeholders around the site to help inform the business case, with the study to conclude at the end of the year.

AN 115-year-old record has recently been donated to the Oxfam shop in Penarth.

The record, on the Nicole record label is very rare as it was made from semi-unbreakable material which looks a bit like linoleum. It is in fact cardboard with a thin layer of celluloid.

The record would have been made between 1903 and 1906 by Nicole Freres of Ely Place, Holborn Circus, London, who had been musical box manufacturers since 1815, so it was natural that they should branch out into records.

An Oxfam shop spokesperson said: "The record at Oxfam is one sided and features Mr Wilfred Virgo (tenor) singing 'Holy City'. The sound of these records was rather rumbling because of the material, although this would not have been much of an issue when played on acoustic gramophones of the period. These records had less durability than those made of the traditional shellac."

In 1906, Nicole Freres went into liquidation due to the failure of their main musical-box business.

Caroline Mumford, the shop manager said: "We were delighted to find this donated with a pile of seven-inch vinyl records. We occasionally have shellac 78 records of this era, but have never had one that resembles vinyl. It has not been played since we found it, as we are frightened the record could be damaged!"

"While the record is comparatively rare, it is not of massive value, but is all the same a very exciting find."

"It's fascinating to think who could have purchased the record all those years ago, how it has survived the 20th century and how it has made its way to Penarth. The shop is hoping that readers may help Amanda and Nigel, the music volunteers, to find out more about Wilfred Virgo who was a tenor and how the record can be safely cleaned and played. The record will be on display in the shop for two



weeks before being sold with an asking price between £15-£20."

The Oxfam shop is continually in need of all donations relating to music especially vinyl of all genres; 7", LPs and 78s. They also accept CDs, cassettes, sheet music, music books and musical instruments whether they are working or not. Anyone with music of any type that they would like to donate can drop it in to the shop at 8a Windsor Road. Large collections of vinyl can be picked up by arrangement.

Looking for work? Come along to Barry Jobcentre

A 'CELEBRATING Success and Recruitment Morning' is taking place on Wednesday, November 20, from 10am to 1pm in Barry Jobcentre.

Jobseekers will be encouraged to sign up for further

learning to help them back into employment.

A variety of local employers and partners will be attending.

There will be opportunities to work, apply for apprenticeships, train or have support finding a job.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event.

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Lifesaving defibrillator installed at Rhoose Point

TARMAC'S Aberthaw cement plant has supported and contributed to the installation of the fifth defibrillator across the village of Rhoose.

The lifesaving device has been installed at Rhoose Point as part of the Rhoose Defib group's commitment to increase the number of defibrillators across the village. Tarmac provided the external all-weather casing for the public access defibrillator (PAD) and a

unit to house a defibrillator at the Highwayman Inn. The defibrillator on Maes-y-Gwenyn is accessible 24/7. Simon Webb of the Rhoose Defib group and ambulance service First Responder, said: "Anyone can use the device and there are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. The pads assess the heart's rhythm and will instruct and allow the user to deliver a shock if it is needed".

For more information on the Rhoose Defib Group or to make a donation, visit its Facebook page.

Five Mile Lane turned into 'Five Mile Canal' after weekend's wet weather

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Cllr Vincent Bailey, leader of the Conservatives on the Vale of Glamorgan Council said: "Having spent £26 million upgrading Five Mile Lane, it's rather worrying that it seems to have become badly flooded at the first sign of heavy rain. It's not as though this kind of weather is unusual in Wales, after all.

"These improvements were made to boost safety and to improve connectivity, so the council and Welsh Government will be hoping that this isn't a recurring problem with the way the road was built.

"Otherwise it's not going to provide much of an economic boost for the region if the new Five Mile Lane is forced to close every time it rains."

Welsh Government and Vale of Glamorgan Council said the new road will lead to shorter journey times and improve safety.

The old Five Mile Lane was an accident black spot.

Along with the new foot and cycleways, a bridleway and bridge have also been built to provide a crossing for horse riders.

A Vale of Glamorgan Council spokesman said: "The flooding on Five Mile Lane affected the original road, not the new section and, while the level of rainfall last Saturday was a contributing factor,

it occurred because the drainage system became blocked with fly-tipped material.

"Further investigation work into the incident is under way and any improvements necessary to reduce the risk of flooding along this section of highway will be undertaken."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "We are working with Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out why flooding occurred on sections on the road and have asked them for an urgent update."



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Penarth nightclub to stay open later

A PENARTH gin bar will be able to open an hour later at night despite protests from the council.

Baroque, in Windsor Road, has been given permission by the council to open until 3.30am and sell alcohol 20 minutes before it closes. The venue will also have the right to hold other pre-arranged events until 4am 10 times per year. Shared Regulatory Services (SRS), the licensing authority for the Vale, had opposed the application due to concerns about noise but the Vale Council's licensing sub-committee agreed to extend Baroque's licence following a hearing. Neither the police nor nearby residents had raised formal objections to the proposal. Baroque had applied to host boxing and wrestling, but later withdrew this request. SRS, in a statement to the committee, said: "As there are residential homes in the area with low background noise at night, the management of the premises, trading hours and

conditions for trading should take this into account. Due to noise that has been witnessed from the pavements in front of and close to the club as well as in relation to music from the club, it is advised that the hours for regulated entertainment, the supply of alcohol and opening not be extended to prevent public nuisance." Penarth Town Council also objected to the licence extension due to antisocial behaviour fears but Piers Warne, representing Baroque, argued it was a well-run venue and later opening times would mean customers would not all be leaving at the same time as people from St Fagans Castle opposite. He said: "This is a very well-managed venue that should be supported in terms of this application."

The committee granted the licence extension, on condition that Baroque does not let people enter the venue an hour before closing.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter.

Kind-hearted youngsters donate their harvest collection to foodbank



CHILDREN at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Primary celebrated their annual Harvest Festival service on October 24.

All the youngsters collected food to be donated to the local foodbank and Rev Kevin Davies came to the service.

Headteacher Becca Pugh said: "The Harvest Assembly is always important to us here at Bro Morgannwg. It's a great opportunity to reflect on how lucky we are and to give thanks for all that we have."

"It's also a time for us to think of those who are less fortunate than we are. Thank you to all parents for their kind donations. We raised £60 for the NSPCC and donated 10 bags of food to the foodbank."

Da iawn blant!"

Scathing letter fired off to MP

A LETTER has been sent to Vale MP Alun Cairns criticising him for 'portraying himself as the saviour of public services when he belongs to a government which has brought public services in Wales to crisis point.'

The open letter – sent to the Secretary of State for Wales by UNISON Wales regional secretary Tanya Palmer – has also slammed the Tory government for 'starving' the Welsh government of money.

Ms Palmer's note claims Mr Cairns' government is responsible for the loss of 28,100 local authority jobs in Wales, including teaching assistants, carers, social workers and highway maintenance workers.

She told him in the letter: 'You didn't speak up when any of the 1,355 people lost their jobs at the Vale of Glamorgan Council in your own constituency. Yet the demand for local public services is rising as Wales' population grows. Public

services are disappearing and your government is responsible.'

The letter reads: 'Like many, I was surprised you sided with UNISON's fight to save the threatened Sam Davies ward at Barry Hospital when you haven't supported any of UNISON's past campaigns to prevent cuts to public services in the Vale of Glamorgan, or as Secretary of State for Wales, to prevent job losses across the whole country.'

'As a former nurse, I know the Conservative Party voted 22 times against the creation of the NHS and serving the people of Wales requires you to do much more than wave a placard on a UNISON protest to save a hospital ward.'

It continues: 'If you truly believe in public services, start banging the Cabinet table to demand more money for Wales.'

'This would allow councils to invest in sustainable public services to lift people out of poverty and make our communities healthy and liveable places.'

Mr Cairns said in response to the letter:



Pictured above is UNISON Wales Regional Secretary Tanya Palmer. Credit to Natasha Hirst.

"Barry is a growing town and the demand for Barry Hospital will only increase – but it must be supported and continue to offer valued services. Therefore, the Welsh Labour Government must reverse the proposals to close the ward."

"The Prime Minister has announced a new hospital building program in England – where he is directly responsible for Health. Locally, under devolution, the Welsh Government is in control of health and we are sadly seeing a reduction in local facilities. The centralising of services in Cardiff may work for Cardiff, however it does not work for Barry and the Vale. "The Prime Minister's commitment on health spending will mean that additional funds will come to Wales. Due to the settlement I helped to negotiate as Secretary of State for Wales, the Welsh Government will receive £120 per head for every £100 spent per head in England. With this in mind, it's vital that the Welsh Labour Government matches the PM's commitments and carefully considers how it spends and allocates a £17bn annual budget across Wales."

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Armistice Day concert

MONDAY, November 11 is Armistice Day, and as part of its Music at Lunchtime programme, All Saints' Church will mark the occasion with a recital entitled 'Peace and Love'.

The concert will feature composer and pianist Andrew Wilson-Dickson and violinist Lara Fang. Entry free, with donations shared between All Saints Music and a charity of the performer's choice. Doors at 12.30pm; the audience is invited to bring their lunch. More information from Dafydd Jones (07941 778 629, dafydd.allsaits@gmail.com) or www.allsaitspenarth.org.uk.

Meet Soroptimist group's newest addition



RECENTLY at the latest Barry and District Soroptimists meeting, the group was pleased to welcome a new member, Kalpana Natarajan.

Kalpana was welcomed by members and is keen to share her awareness of international work to inspire the lives of all women.

To find out more on soroptimism, visit www.sigbi.org/barryanddistrict.

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GAN FOD Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fel yr Awdurdod Prifffyrdd yn fodlon y dydyl cyfyngu traffig ar y strydoedd neu rannau ohonynt fel y'i rhestrwyd yng nghlofn 2 yr Atodlen er mwyn cynnal digwyddiad perthnasol, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a roddwyd iddo gan Adran 16A o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFARWYDDO DRWY HYN**, er mwyn hwylyso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, galluogi aelodau o'r cyhoedd i wylïo'r digwyddiad dan sylw a lleihau'r effaith debygol o darfu ar y traffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, y caiff y rheoliadau canlynol eu dilyn:-

Y CAIFF y strydoedd a'r rhannau ohonynt sydd wedi eu rhestru yn atodlen 1, ac eithrio yn ôl yr hyn a ddarperir gan y gorchymyn, eu cau i'r holl draffig cerbydau gan gynnwys beiciau pedal ac eithrio cerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys a deliadau trwyddedau preswylwyr rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng nghlofn 3 yr atodlen.

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Atodlen 1

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| Dydd Lau 21 Tachwedd 2019 tan | Yr ardal sydd i'w chau yw Heol Holltwn, Y Barri, o'i chyffordd â Heol Tŷ Newydd hyd at bwynt 50m i'r dwyrain i'w chyffordd â Stryd Llanilltud. | O 6.00pm ddydd Lau, 21 Tachwedd 2019 tan 6.00pm tan dydd Llun 24 Tachwedd 2019 |

Bydd y ffordd ar agor i gerddwyr ar bob adeg.

Dyddiedig 7 Tachwedd 2019

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND MARKET KING SQUARE, BARRY THURSDAY 21st – SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Vale of Glamorgan Council has made an Order under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:

WHEREAS The Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that traffic on the streets or parts thereof as listed in column 2 of the Schedule should be restricted to enable the holding of a relevant event, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in schedule 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles and resident permit holders between the hours specified in column 3 of the schedule.

The penalty for infringement of this regulation is a fine not exceeding £1,000.

Schedule 1

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
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| Thursday 21st November 2019 To Sunday 24th November 2018 | The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street. | From 6.00pm on Thursday 21st November 2019 to 6.00pm on Sunday 24th November 2019 |

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 7th day of November 2019

Director of Environment & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Bro Radio scoops four gongs at awards night



Successful Bro Radio volunteers picking up their awards at the recent ceremony in Barry.

BRO Radio, the local station for the Vale of Glamorgan, picked up four awards at the National Community Radio Awards.

The station was recognised with eight nominees in the short-list, which were whittled down from more than 425 entries submitted from community radio stations in every corner of the UK.

The awards evening took place at the Memo Arts Centre in Barry.

During the evening, Bro Radio picked up four awards; one gold, two silver and one bronze.

The Gold Award for

Sage Person (Over 60) went to Geoff Selby, who lives in Penarth and is one of the station's longest serving volunteers, presenting six programmes a week, giving more than 1,500 hours a year to the organisation. Silver Awards were picked up by Kane McMahon in Young Person of the Year and Bro Radio's weekly musicals programme 'It's Showtime with Ryan and Jodana' picked up silver in Specialist Music Show of the Year.

The station's weekly news programme, The Vale This Week which airs on a Wednesday night from 6pm, also picked up a bronze in the category of Community Show of the Year.

Bro Radio's Operations Director Nathan Spackman said: "Our team were thrilled to welcome Community Radio stations from across the UK to Barry and to pick up four awards topped it all off! "I'm delighted that Geoff Selby, one of our longest serving volunteers, has been recognised for his commitment to the station, along with Kane McMahon, one of our newest and most enthusiastic volunteers. "To see the Vale This Week and It's Showtime rewarded after being on air for just nine months is a testament to the team that work on the programme and the hard work they put in."

Successful time for art group



Pictured is Cllr Margaret Wilkinson with Jane Hutt AM, Shelia Morgan and Lin Learner

MAYOR of Barry Margaret Wilkinson joined Jane Hutt AM at the Baruc Art Group Exhibition in All Saints' Church hall recently.

Baruc Art Group meets every Friday at the Church Hall and the results of their work were on display and for

sale. The Vale AM praised the artists for their work which featured many local scenes as well as paintings from holidays across the world.

Anyone interested in joining the group should drop in on a Friday morning. For more information contact John Thomas on 01446 400012.

Charity concert heading to Barry



The Danielle Nicholls Band.

A CHARITY concert will take place at 7.30pm on November 30 at St Francis Millennium Centre, Barry, and the proceeds will be shared between Dogs Trust Bridgend and Llamau.

TICKETS are available in advance or on the door and bookings can be made directly by calling 07929 843908.

Danielle Nicholls is an accomplished singer-songwriter, having graduated from the Welsh College of Music and Drama.

The concert will feature original tunes interspersed with cover versions from her talented trio, the Danielle Nicholls Band.

Also, there'll be special guest musicians along the way to ensure an entertaining night out.

Due to popular demand, Danielle will include a tribute number to the late Doris Day.

The audience is welcome to join in, and Danielle assures everyone that November 30 will be an evening to relax and unwind.

Tickets can be bought direct by calling 07929 84390 – and feel free to bring something to drink!

Trip to battlefields and memorials of World War One for cadets



LEFT: Cadets laying wreaths at Menin Gate.

ABOVE: Cadets visit the Welsh Memorial in Flanders.

RECENTLY Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron travelled to Europe to pay homage to those soldiers who lost their lives fighting for their countries in the great wars, along with Air Cadets from Squadrons from No.1 Welsh Wing.

The visit encompassed the war memorials and battlefields of Ypres Salient, in Belgium and the Somme, in France.

The cadets stayed as guests of the Belgium Army in Ypres and paraded with members of the local fire brigade, performing the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Cadets laid poppy wreaths on behalf of the Royal British Legion and 372 (Barry) Squadron.

Cadet Charlie Wrightson said: "When you stand on the battlefields, it's amazing to think that in July 1916, this is where so many soldiers fought and died."

The cadets also paid their respects at the Canadian War Memorial, Vimy Ridge and the memorial at Thiepval, which is dedicated to the 73,367 missing men of the Somme; at the

cemeteries of Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and Langemarck and visited the Welsh Memorial in Flanders at Langemarck.

Squadron Leader Jason Horton said: "Seeing the battlefields and memorials brings history closer to our present and not just left in the past. This visit was supported by Barry Town Council grant for local organisations."

The Air Cadets are now looking forward to an action packed and challenging training programme including flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh, leadership training and aviation related visits.

The 372 Squadron has vacancies for cadets between 12 to 17 years old, and adult staff over 20.

The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm to 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour on Gladstone Road (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron by email oc.372@aircadets.org.uk or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information about becoming an instructor or Royal Air Force Air Cadet.

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British Legion information

THE Royal British Legion Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, November 12 from 10am to 12pm.

Information on independent living, support for carers, supporting veterans in the community and signposting to other networks available. No appointment is needed, just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446/732385 for further information.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk 'Friends Against Scams' by Siân Cudleigh at 2pm on Wednesday, November 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; a small fee covers refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

Blackmill PACT

A PACT public meeting will be held at Blackmill Community centre on Monday, November 11 at 6.30pm.

Barry Floral Society

FOR members of the Barry Floral Society November means Christmas decorations.

On Tuesday, November 12 well known flower arranger Ms Linda Garratt of Abergavenny will inspire friends and members with her demonstration 'It's That Time of Year'.

Country market

A COUNTRY market takes place on Friday, November 15 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

On Saturday, November 16, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place from 9am to 1pm at Arthur John's car park, Cowbridge.



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Ramblers relish day out on the Rhymney Ridgeback

ALISON and Louise from Penarth and District Ramblers were joined by a group of six on their recent walk taking in some of the ancient and beautiful woodland in the Draethen and Rudry area.

They set off from Coed Llwyn-celyn, climbing through Coedcae Wood and continuing uphill through fields and, upon reaching the top, were regaled with some fine views over the River Severn, before following undulating paths through colourful fungi-strewn woods to join part of the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Path.

Making their way along the rear of the ruined Ruperra Castle and its estate lands, once owned by the Morgan family of Tredegar House and entering Coed Craig Ruperra, they paused to chat to a man exercising and training his beautiful young Harris Hawk.

Descending through the woodland where trees have recently been felled and emerging at the Hollybush Inn at Draethen, their steepest climb of the day came next through Coed Cefn-Pwll-Du, where they paused for lunch in a clearing.

A gentle climb brought them out onto a road, past some cottages and into Rudry village, across the Maenllwyd Inn car park and uphill by steps

into Craig y Llân. Re-joining the Rhymney Ridgeway, a steep slippery descent led them to the valley floor at Nant y Cwm for the last climb through dense forestry at Coed Coesau-Whips where upon emerging, the road led them back to their start point.

On November 10, an eight-mile moderate walk near Cowbridge will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9.30am; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On November 12, a six-mile moderate 'Shortish Strides' walk, taking in Marcross and Broughton, will leave the Plough and Harrow Inn, Monkash at 10am; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On November 13, a 14-mile moderate walk near Ross-on-Wye will leave Cogan at 8.30am; contact William on 07528 701 952.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice.

For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2051 5102.

Joy Strangward

Retired Major died after being punched in Thailand

A RETIRED Army Major from Cowbridge was killed by a gogo bar bouncer in Thailand - as horrific CCTV footage shows him smashing to the ground.

Mike Jones-Mathias, 55, who retired as a major from the Corps of Royal Engineers, was on a work trip in Pattaya.

He stopped in a gogo bar on his way back to his hotel when he called emergency number 911.

But just five minutes after he called the number he was caught on CCTV being punched to the floor by a security guard.

The footage shows him walking backward in the main street outside before throwing a punch to the air.

He is approached by two Thai men - and is then hit to the floor with one horror punch.

The inquest, held in Pontypridd, heard security guard Phumphet Tanosing was charged with grievous bodily harm for the punch and faced a trial in Thailand.

But he was found not guilty after claiming self-defence - claiming Mr Jones-Mathias had attempted to leave the Mandarin Agogo bar without paying his bill.

Wife Veronica, 50, said: "For the record, I know my husband would never have left a bar without paying a bill."

"What could have happened in that establishment that could make that punch lawful?"

She questioned why her husband would have called for emergency assistance while in the bar.

The inquest heard Mr Jones-Mathias was at the start of a three-month work trip as a senior operations project manager.

He had gone for an evening meal

with his senior management team but later decided to stop at a bar alone on May 17 last year.

Veronica said: "At no point in the court transcript does it mention the video shown. Why was the video not shown in evidence?"

"The judgement was handed down without them knowing that Mike was dead. Had they known I wonder whether or not the conclusion would have been different."

She added her husband put up a "monumental fight" while recovering from his brain injury.

The inquest heard Mr Jones-Mathias underwent surgery in Thailand for damage to his right frontal lobe and was finally flown to Cardiff six weeks later.

But he tragically died on March 24 this year after his health deteriorated.

Professor Phillip Smith, of University Hospital of Wales, gave a cause of death as pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia and traumatic brain injury.

Mr Jones-Mathias, of Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, graduated as an officer in the Army in 1984 and served in the first Gulf War.

He later became a detective sergeant for Gwent Police before moving on to become an operations manager on engineering projects in the Middle East.

The inquest heard Mr Jones-Mathias and his wife had opened a cafe in Cardiff when they returned to the UK in 2015.

But he was asked to go to Thailand for the three month trip in his former role as operations manager.

Acting senior coroner Graeme Hughes rejected the family's request for a conclusion of unlawful killing.

He said: "Yes, it was on the evidence deliberate but was it unlawful? 'I haven't heard any evidence from



Mike Jones-Mathias with his wife Veronica. Photo supplied by Wales News Service.

the assailant. If he was here in the UK then he would be called as a witness and he could be questioned.

"He has not had the opportunity to come before me and make representations to me."

"I have to bear in mind that there was a trial of some sorts in Thailand and as a consequence, he was acquitted."

"I am not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that it would be safe for me to reach unlawful killing."

Recording a narrative conclusion, he said: "The deceased died as a

consequence of complications arising from head injuries sustained following a punch to the head."

After the inquest, wife Veronica said: "Mike was a man of uniform. He was a man of duty. He was a stickler for doing the right thing."

"There is no way he would have left without paying a bill."

"I thank God he was resuscitated after he was punched because I had another 11 months with him."

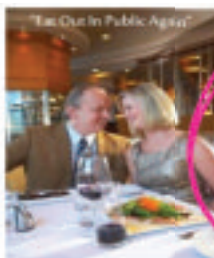
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Cardiff to Aberdeen aimed at the energy sector and growing leisure market."

Spencer Bims, Chief Commercial Officer at Cardiff Airport added: "It is fantastic to see the return of flights to Aberdeen. It's a thriving port city and a link to the offshore industry off the North Sea, a popular university city and short break destination."

The Cardiff to Aberdeen flights will operate via Newcastle with on board transit. All flights will be bookable at flybe.com from November 8.

Cllr Neil Moore – an apology

ON this page last week, which featured the monthly column by the Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr Neil Moore, there was a typographical error.

Sharp-eyed readers may have noticed that the Christian name 'Alex' was used, rather than 'Neil'. The GEM would like to apologise for the error, which should have been picked up at the proof reading stage.

Students get a dramatic warning about alcohol

STUDENTS in Barry and Penarth recently watched a hard-hitting theatre piece on the risks of underage drinking as part of an award-winning international programme that will reach 45,000 students across the UK.

The play looks at a group of friends who find themselves in trouble as a result of misuse of

alcohol.

The performance was followed by an interactive workshop.

The performance was part of 'Smashed', an alcohol education and awareness programme sponsored by Diageo and delivered by Collingwood Learning.

'Smashed' has been designed to engage with pupils in a different way to typical school lessons.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "I'm extremely pleased

that the Smashed programme is returning to Wales this year. The project educates our school pupils about an important public health issue, and they will no doubt carry the lessons learnt with them as they grow."

The tour visited three local schools: Pencoedtre High School, Barry; Stanwell School, Penarth; and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, Barry.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (FFORDD SAIN TATHAN, YR HERBERTS) (CYFYNGIAD PWYSAU 7.5 TUNNELL) DROS DRO GORCHYMYN 2019

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlen isod: -

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ATODLEN 2

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Rheswm: I atal difrod i bont y ffordd ac er diogelwch y cyhoedd

Hyd: o 00.01 ar ddydd Llun 18 Tachwedd 2019 am gyfnod hwyaf o 18 mis

Ait. llwybr: Ceir mynediad arall drwy'r B4265, B4270 ffordd Llanilltud Fawr neu'r A4226 a ffordd yr A48.

Dyddiedig 7 Tachwedd 2019.

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (ST ATHAN ROAD, THE HERBERTS) (7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause a vehicle with a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 Tonnes to proceed over the length of road in Schedule 2

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The section of road to be restricted is St Athan Road, The Herberts for a distance of 10 metres either side of Howe Mill bridge over the River Thaw.

Reason: To prevent damage to the road bridge and in the interests of public safety

Duration: From 00.01 Hrs on Monday 18th November 2019 for a maximum period of 18 Months

Ait. Route: Alternate access will be via the B4265, B4270 Llantwit Major Road or A4226 and the A48 road.

Dated this 7th day of November 2019.

Director of Environment & Housing
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Ex-MP quits cabinet amid rape trial row



LEFT:
Former
Vale MP
Alun
Cairns.

RIGHT:
Suspended
assembly
candidate
Ross
England



FORMER Vale MP Alun Cairns has quit his job as the government's secretary of state for Wales over claims he knew about a former aide's role in the 'sabotage' of a rape trial.

Mr Cairns denied knowing Conservative assembly candidate Ross England had made claims about the rape victim's sexual history in an April 2018 trial.

But reporters at BBC Wales discovered Mr Cairns was emailed about the situation in August 2018 – four months before Mr England was selected to contest the Vale of Glamorgan seat.

Mr Cairns, who was the cabinet's longest-serving minister having been appointed in 2016, previously said he only became aware of Mr England's role in the trial's collapse when the story broke last week.

A statement from Mr Cairns' spokesman, sent to the Glamorgan GEM last week, said: "Mr Cairns received no communication at any point from the court regarding this case."

Mr England was suspended as a Welsh assembly candidate last week.

In his resignation letter, sent

to Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday, Mr Cairns said: "You will be aware of allegations relating to the actions of a party employee and candidate for the Welsh assembly elections in the Vale of Glamorgan."

"This is a very sensitive matter, and in light of continued speculation, I write to tender my resignation as secretary of state for Wales."

"I will co-operate in full with the investigation under the Ministerial Code which will now take place and I am confident I will be cleared of any breach of wrongdoing."

Mr England said he had given an "honest answer" while giving evidence at the rape trial of his friend James Hackett.

He told the court he'd had a casual sexual relationship with the complainant – which she denied – despite the judge making it clear that evidence of the sexual history of the victim was inadmissible.

Judge Stephen John Hopkins said to him: "Why did you say that? Are you completely stupid?"

"You have managed single-handed, and I have no doubt it was deliberate on your part, to sabotage this trial... get out of my court."

Hackett was convicted at a later trial.

Paul Davies AM, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said: "I am sorry to see Alun resign today as the Secretary of State for Wales however, under the circumstances this was the right decision for him."

"Alun has rightly stated he will cooperate fully with any investigations."

"I would like to thank Alun for his service to Wales as our secretary of state where he brought an end to the Severn Bridge tolls, which will leave a lasting legacy on the Welsh economy."

He added: "This case has been shocking and disturbing. My heart goes out to this individual and to all victims of rape and sexual assault."

"I expect the highest standards from Welsh Conservative Assembly candidates. This court case suggests that Ross England has fallen short of those standards."

It is understood Mr Cairns will stand for re-election as the Vale of Glamorgan's MP in December's General Election.

The GEM approached Mr Cairns' office for comment, but none was forthcoming at the time of going to press.

Scout Post in the Vale – don't miss the date!

THE Christmas Scout Post is now in full swing in Llandough and people are urged to note that the last post is December 2.

Stamps cost 30p each, with deliveries between December 7 and 15.

The area covered is the whole of Cardiff and Vale Council areas.

Stamps can be collected and cards posted at Llandough Ironing Company, 52 Dochdwy

Road; The Merrie Harrier, 15 Spencer Drive and 12 Downfield Close.

In addition, stamps and collections are available from a car outside Llandough school on Friday, November 29 between 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 3.30pm; Saturday, November 30 between the hours of 11am and 1pm and on Monday, December 2 from 11am to 1pm, and 2pm to 3.30pm.

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Scout Post in Barry

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Christmas wrapping at Cadoxton WI

THE meeting of Cadoxton WI on October 21 was a wonderful evening, with Alison Westwood showing members the art of wrapping gifts – from stunning bottle presentations to awkward items.

It is now expected that this year's Christmas gifts to our loved ones will be magnificent – regardless of what is inside!

Raffles this month were won by Eileen Bishop and Audrey Stansfield.

On October 24 some of the members enjoyed a trip to Festival Park for some retail therapy and lunch, well Christmas is just around the corner!

Our next meeting will be held at Victoria Park Community Centre on Monday, November 18 at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in joining is always welcome. Call Christina Whitchurch on 01446 404891.



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Barry is embracing becoming Dementia Friendly

DEMENTIA Friendly Barry has worked hard this year to raise the awareness of people living with dementia and their carers in Barry.

Local businesses and organisations have been encouraged to hold a free one-hour dementia awareness session by a trained Alzheimer's Society-trained volunteer dementia champion.

They then complete a pledge form to work towards creating a dementia friendly environment in their place of work or organisation. They will be given a Dementia Friendly Barry/Alzheimer's Society Certificate and window stickers to show

that they are supporting a Dementia Friendly Barry.

From May to October this year, 220 people have attended the dementia awareness sessions, with ages ranging from 65 to 10 years old. Organisations that have signed up this year include Dementia Friendly Tai Chi in YMCA Barry, Passmore Solicitors and the Waterfront Medical Practice.

If you are a carer or living with dementia and are looking for information and activities for people living with dementia, visit www.dementiafriendlyvale.co.uk. For information about free dementia awareness sessions in Barry, send an email to dementiafriendlybarry@outlook.com.

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Volunteers needed for Christmas food collection

CHARITIES The Trussell Trust and FareShare are appealing for volunteers to help in the UK's biggest food collection for people in need over the Christmas period.

From Thursday, November 21 until Saturday, November 23, the two charities will be collecting food throughout Tesco stores across Wales during the annual Tesco Food Collection.

They are looking for volunteers to encourage shoppers in their stores to donate.

Tesco have said that they will top up customer donations by 20 per cent.

Emma Revie, chief executive at The Trussell Trust, said: "No one should need a foodbank

at any time of year – but we know during the lead-up to Christmas, our network of foodbanks see even more people needing help.

"The more people who volunteer, the more food will be collected."

Fariha Choudhury volunteered at the last Tesco Food Collection, collecting donations for local groups supported by FareShare.

She said: "I loved volunteering last year – it was great to speak with shoppers donating food.

"The kindness I saw was wonderful and gave me a lot of hope," she added.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering can find out more and sign up at fareshare.org.uk/tescofoodcollection/.

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Contemporary Art Society exhibits at Art Central



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More than 40 artists have contributed to the exhibition, both professional and amateur, many of whom are locals.

The cabinet member for leisure, arts and culture, Cllr Kathryn McCaffer, said: "CASW is a charitable

organisation that works to promote the understanding and appreciation of the visual arts in Wales. They regularly organise lectures, collections and exhibitions both in the UK and abroad and we're thrilled to have our gallery play its part."

We Make Art Too is open until Saturday, November 16, with much of the artwork for sale. Pictured is Pamela

Jones' 'Amphitrite with the Dead Fish and Rubber', porcelain mixed media. The gallery operates the Arts Council of Wales Collector scheme which

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Oh! What's occurring?

Barry back on the small screen as Gavin & Stacey returns for festive special

FANS of BBC1's smash-hit sitcom Gavin & Stacey will not be disappointed when the show returns to our screens this Christmas for a festive special.

We last saw the Barry and Billericay contingent nearly a decade ago and many thought that would be the last time they graced our TVs.

But thanks to writers Ruth Jones and James Corden, who also play Nessa

and Smithy respectively in the sitcom, the much-loved gang are back.

Cast members gathered with journalists, including Sam Hall from The GEM, on Monday (October 4) for the show's official press launch at London's Soho Hotel.

Former Porthcawl Comprehensive student Rob Brydon, who plays Bryn in the show, Alison Steadman, otherwise known as Pam Shipman, and her on-screen husband Larry Lamb, who

plays Mick, were all there to watch the upcoming festive instalment.

Mathew Horne, who plays title character Gavin, Joanna Page, who portrays Stacey, Melanie Walters, behind the character Gwen, Robert Wilfort, who plays Jason, and Ruth Jones, who also went to Porthcawl Comp, attended the reunion.

The only notable absence was James Corden, who plays Gavin's bestfriend Smithy, probably because he was busy in America.

All of the journalists at the screening were sworn to secrecy by the BBC not to reveal any spoilers until the rest of the country watched the highly-anticipated show on Christmas Day.

Loyal followers of the award-winning show, which follows the lives of Gavin, from Essex, and Barry-based Stacey, thought they'd never see the much-loved characters get-together on screen since series three ended in 2010.

And earlier this year, thousands of fans were left screaming "oh my Christ" as they got the news they'd been waiting so long for.

James Corden took to Twitter to announce that the show would return once more.

Not long after the announcement, camera crews turned up in Barry and hordes of people lined the Island and Trinity Street – the road where the Welsh side of the family live – to catch a glimpse of the action.

Barry was thrown onto a world stage shortly



ABOVE from left to right: Robert Wilfort, Melanie Walters, Joanna Page, Mathew Horne, Rob Brydon, Larry Lamb, Alison Steadman and Ruth Jones at the press launch.

after Gavin & Stacey was first broadcast in 2007 with people coming from far and wide to walk in the characters' footsteps on the Island.

People line up to have their photos taken outside Marco's Cafe, where Stacey worked in the show, and merchandise inspired by the TV series can be picked up at a string of businesses.

And now comes the long wait until fans finally get to see what is in store for the Shipmans and the Wests in the 2019 Christmas Special.

Will we finally discover what happened on Uncle Bryn and Jason's infamous fishing trip?

Are Gavin and Stacey still together?

What's happened between Smithy and Nessa?

How's Neil, the baby? Well, you'll just have to find out on the big day.

By Sam Hall



Members of the cast at Monday's event which was hosted by TV personality Rylan Clark-Neal.

A Q&A session with the cast will be published at a future date

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Commemorating 75 years since D-Day landings

REMEMBRANCE Day and the Poppy Appeal are, of course, an opportunity to remember all those who have lost their lives in conflict.

As a result of two World Wars, and so many other occasions when conflict has broken out, the numbers involved are simply too big to take in.

The GEM asked local historian, Dr Jonathan Hicks, to introduce a more personal element, looking at the stories of two local men who served in World War Two.

THIS year we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, yet the remainder of the campaign to seize control

of Normandy and push the Germans back, a bloody struggle that continued until the end of August, is often overlooked.

This campaign, during which over 83,000 British, Canadian and Polish troops became casualties, of whom nearly 16,000 paid the ultimate price, saw many acts of heroism – some witnessed and some, no doubt, lost in the mists of time.

Here we pay tribute to two courageous Welsh soldiers.

Sapper Alec Close from Barry (pictured right) had joined the Royal Engineers earlier in the war. After training, he was posted to the 73rd Field Company. In the first months of 1944 they began their preparations for the part they were to play in the D-Day landings.

The German defences along the Normandy coast were known to be formidable, and Alec and his fellow engineers were tasked with clearing the way for the tanks and infantry of the British 50th Division. They were assigned to Gold

Beach, the central of the five invasion beaches which covered a sector that lay between the small ports of Arromanches to the west and La Riviere to the east.

The village of Le Hamel sat in the middle of the sector. Opposing them were elements of the German 716 Division and 352 Division, including a mechanised unit at the nearby town of Bayeux which had been practising for a rapid counter-attack in the event of any beach landings. The Germans were dug into fortified houses along the coast, and in concrete bunkers and pill boxes.

The landing time was set for 0725 – one hour after the American landings at Utah and Omaha beaches, owing to the direction of the tide which meant that high water was one hour later on the British beach.

As it was, winds blew the sea water high up the beach onto the sea wall, leaving many of the obstacles the engineers were charged with destroying

under water, and bringing the soldiers even closer to the intense German fire.

Alec's recommendation for the Military Medal describes his actions:

'On 6 June, 1944, Sapper Close was a member of a beach obstacle clearing party. His party landed close to Le Hamel sea wall at 0730 hours, and came under immediate intense fire from machine guns fired from strongpoints in the village.

Separated from his comrades, many of whom were wounded, he proceeded to destroy the metal and concrete obstacles alone. 'His great courage and initiative at this critical moment inspired confidence in his comrades. He carried out his work coolly and rapidly until joined by another party.'

Alec was awarded the Military Medal on October 19, but he did not live to receive it. He was killed in further fighting 10 days later on June 16, and is buried in Bayeux War Cemetery.

He was 24 years of age.



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We will remember them

T A S K E R
Watkins was born in Nelson, Glamorgan in November 1918, and before the war he was a teacher in London.

He joined the army as a private in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1939 and was commissioned into the Welch Regiment in May 1941.

As part of 53rd Division, he arrived in Normandy a few weeks after D-Day and took part in the Second Battle of the Odon and the Battle of the Falaise Gap, where German casualties were so numerous it was described as impossible to walk down one road without stepping on a body.

During this latter battle, on August 16 1944 Tasker was in command of a company of 1/5th Battalion of the Welch Regiment. It had been ordered to attack German positions near the railway at Bafour, some five miles west of

Falaise.

The area was littered with 'bocage' – thick hedgerows with steep banks which divided one field from another. The open fields beyond were often booby-trapped. Tasker led his men through a hedgerow and was walking across one such field when German machine-gun fire opened up, as well as fire from an 88mm gun.

Heavy casualties ensued and Tasker was soon the only officer left unharmed. Armed with a Sten gun, he charged two enemy machine-gun posts and killed or wounded the occupants.

He then spotted an anti-tank gun manned by another German but at this critical juncture his Sten gun jammed. Throwing it at the German, he pulled out his pistol and shot him.

By now he had only 30 men left, but when they were counter-attacked by 50 more Germans he ordered a bayonet charge that drove the enemy back.

Orders were sent to

him to withdraw but these were never received as his radio had been destroyed. By now the light was fading and darkness was approaching. The Germans were surrounding him and his men.

Tasker decided to lead his men back to their battalion but as he did so, they were challenged by an enemy post at close range. He ordered his men to scatter and charged the post with a Bren gun, silencing it.

He then succeeded in leading his men back to their own lines. For his immense courage that day he was awarded Britain's highest military honour – the Victoria Cross.

His citation read: 'On 16 August 1944 at Barfour, Normandy, France, Lieutenant Watkins' company came under murderous machine-gun fire while advancing through corn fields set with booby traps. The only officer left, Lieutenant Watkins led a bayonet charge with his 30 remaining

men against 50 enemy infantry, practically wiping them out.

Finally, at dusk, separated from the rest of the battalion, he ordered his men to scatter and after he had personally charged and silenced an enemy machine-gun post, he brought them back to safety. His superb leadership not only saved his men, but decisively influenced the course of the battle.

I once interviewed a Barry veteran who had served with Tasker and was with him on the day he won his VC. When I asked him what he thought of his officer, he paused for a moment and then replied, "He was a mad, brave bugger."

Tasker Watkins is pictured (right) with his wife and child, after receiving his VC.

Alec Close and Tasker Watkins were two incredibly courageous men who were prepared to risk their own lives for their fellow soldiers.

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Find out where your nearest Remembrance Day service is taking place

Cowbridge with Llanblethian
COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council would like to remind the communities of Cowbridge and surrounding villages of the Act of Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony, assembling at 10.45am outside the Town Hall at the War Memorial on Sunday, November 10.

Wreaths will be laid by a large number of local organisations as well as representatives of the British Legion and Armed Services immediately following a short service at the War Memorial. This will be followed by a Parade to the Holy Cross Church for an Ecumenical Act of Remembrance Service.

To facilitate the service and parade, a road closure will be in effect from 10.45am to 11.15pm and 12 noon to 12.30pm, from Eastgate junction with Druids Green, High Street to the Butts and Church Street.

The Town Council and Royal British Legion

would like to encourage all members of the public to support the ceremony and the many youth organisations that participate in remembering the fallen.

A short service and Act of Remembrance, including a minute's silence to remember the fallen will also take place at the Cowbridge Town War Memorial starting at 10.55am on Monday, November 11. Anyone wishing to attend the Service should assemble at the Memorial by 10.50am.

Barry

BARRY Town Council, in partnership with the Royal British Legion will hold this year's Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday, November 10.

The parade will begin at King Square with the march stepping off at 10.20am, from Barry Town Hall along Holton Road, halting briefly at the Merchant Navy Monument at the Civic Offices and then continuing to the Cenotaph at the Memorial

Hall for a service and a two-minute silence.

There will be many people marching and so there will be a rolling road closure. The parade is followed by a service of Remembrance at 10.45am outside the Cenotaph at Barry Memorial Hall. Father Ben Andrews will officiate and wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph; a two-minute silence will be held at 11am.

The indoor service will take place inside the Memorial Hall, and will finish approximately 12 noon. In the event of wet weather, the outdoor service will take place inside Barry Memorial Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend the parade and services, and can attend any or all parts of the event. Each year Barry Town Council and the Royal British Legion are thankful for the public support at this event, and hope that this support continues as we remember together those who gave up their today for our tomorrow.

We ask that people avoid parking along the route and particularly outside the Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, to allow the parade to progress safely. It is at the discretion of all organisations taking part whether they wish to march in wet conditions. For further details, call the Mayor's secretary,

Mrs Webb on 01446 704921.

Porthcawl

THE Remembrance Service this year will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl.

All townspeople, religious denominations and other organisations are invited to attend, especially those who can display a standard or flag.

The parade will form up at the Hillsboro car park at 9.30am, stepping off at 9.45am. Wreaths will be made available for those who wish to parade with them and the salute will be taken at the bandstand in John Street. The standards will parade at the war memorial at 11am for the sounding of the Last Post, prior to the laying of wreaths by organisations, as well as individuals.

On Monday, November 11 there will be a two minutes' silence with the Exhortation and Last Post at the bandstand in John Street, Porthcawl. Participants are asked to assemble at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend.

All associations that have a wreath each year will automatically be included on the ordering list. Any new associations that require a wreath are requested to contact the Poppy Appeal organiser Vicky Lloyd on 01656 731156 without delay.

Lavernock

ON Sunday, November 10 at 3pm, the former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock will be the venue for a meditative Remembrance Service.

It will focus on The Unknown Warrior, and hymns, scripture readings, poems and a short address will reflect the theme.

The church will be decorated with the traditional poppies, and refreshments will follow with a chance for the congregation to chat.

Free parking is available to the left of Fort Road as one approaches the church. For further information, call 02920 701303.

Wenvoe

THE parish of Wenvoe and St Lythan's are holding a Service of Remembrance in St Mary's church at 10am followed by the Silence and Laying of Wreaths at the village war memorial at 11am.

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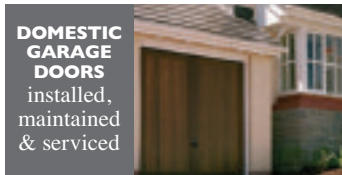
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Major re-jig of health service planned as current set-up deemed 'not fit for purpose'

MAJOR changes are being planned in the way people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan access vital health services.

More details have been revealed about the future services in the region's main hospitals and health centres.

There are plans to replace University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff with a new hospital, which will focus on emergency and complex surgery; but there are also plans to change the way University Hospital Llandough operates with more specialist surgeries.

The health board is set to decide next month whether to move ear, nose and throat surgery to Llandough.

It's part of plans – outlined in the health board's Strategic Clinical Services Plan – to move as many services as possible from hospitals into people's homes or communities.

This is what could lie ahead in a big shake up of health services across Cardiff and the Vale:

New University Hospital of Wales

The new hospital would be a 24/7, 365-day a year facility for emergency and complex or

specialist surgery.

The health board says "there will be immediate access to all essential diagnostic, critical care and specialist clinical services on a 24/7 basis for acutely unwell patients requiring an emergency admission or a complex, specialist or high risk elective procedure".

Services at the new hospital, which the health board hopes will open by 2030, would include the major trauma centre for south Wales, providing specialist care for the most life-threatening injuries.

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University Hospital Llandough

The health board says Llandough hospital would be for "ill but stable patients".

Its services would include: assessment/short-term intervention; daytime imaging services – such as X-ray, ultrasound, CT, MRI; pathology/diagnostic day-time services.

Routine endoscopy – screening, planned and follow up; emergency outpatient service for patients who become unwell and unstable and need a clinical assessment, diagnostic investigation, or short-term clinical intervention service which is not provided by community services.

Medicine/ mental health: inpatient and hospital-based mental health services as currently provided; services to support step-up and step-down care for patients not well enough to be cared for in the community, but who do not require immediate or 24/7 access to critical care or specialist clinical services or who require intensive

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Specialist services: specialist neuro- and spinal rehabilitation services will transfer in 2023, and cystic fibrosis care will be delivered from new purpose built facilities.

St David's Hospital

The health board says it wants to develop St David's Hospital "as a centre of excellence for rehabilitation, aimed at supporting people not quite ready to go home but who do not need to be in an acute hospital".

It says it's already set up an additional rehabilitation ward there.

Care at home

The health board wants more people to access care services at home – either through e-services on new digital platforms or through new community teams to help them remain independent at home.

Health and wellbeing centres

The health board is planning to open three health and wellbeing centres; first in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, then at Barry Hospital, and another in north west Cardiff.

The centres would provide services such as: rapid assessment of patients with specific conditions to reduce the need for emergency admissions; a range of point-of-care testing services and plain film X-rays; outpatient services; community mental health teams and children's services, and a range of health and social care services tailored to meet the specific needs of the local area.

Wellbeing Hubs

A network of smaller health centres, named 'wellbeing hubs', is being planned in Maelfa, Ely and Penarth to open by the end of 2021.

Services would include: GP services, community midwifery, health visitors, primary mental health services and community children's services.

Why is the health board planning this?

The population of Cardiff and the Vale is growing – with the number of children in the area expected to grow by 20% by 2029.

There is also an increasing older population who need to support to manage one or a combination of chronic conditions, and the main causes for premature death in adults in the area are cancer and circulatory diseases, where people's unhealthy lifestyles are a significant contributing factor.

The health board believes: "It is clear that the current shape and way we provide services is not fit for purpose to meet the future demand."

"To meet the changing needs of our population we need to change how our services are provided. Where possible our services will be delivered predominantly in patients' homes or from facilities in the community."

"Our hospital-based services need to be reshaped to support the future healthcare service needs of our local, regional, and tertiary population within modern and fit-for-purpose infrastructure. The ambition for the two major acute hospital sites in Cardiff and Vale UHB is to clearly define their future roles in ensuring that patients are admitted for the shortest time, for the provision of care that can only be delivered in a hospital environment."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

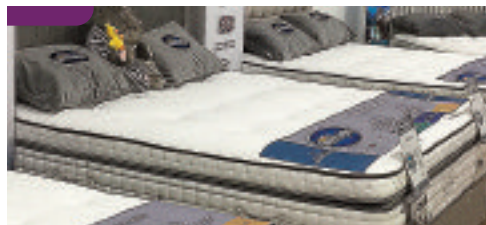


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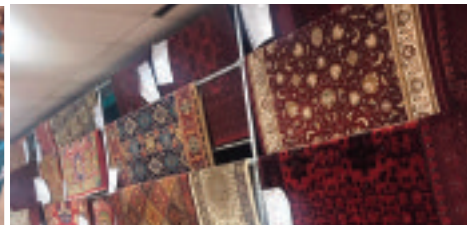
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Cambrian sold out to British Airways in 1975. After the takeover, Sam Smith Travel started life in Cardiff, and grew to operate three branches, before selling the business to another group. However, Sam was smitten with the travel bug and decided to open as Sam Smith Travel in Cowbridge in the year 2000.

Jim Strachan has been involved in the travel industry for a few years longer – almost 60 years! Prior to establishing Strachan Sports Travel, he was the director of Travel City Sports for eight years and previously the managing director of John Cory Travel Ltd for 19 years.

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In addition, he has served ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents) in several capacities including chairman of the South Wales region. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Travel and Tourism. Jim's Sports Team is complemented by the experienced Angharad Griffiths and Emily Sanders on the second and third storey.

Sam Smith Travel is located in a prime position in the centre of Cowbridge – opposite the Duke of Wellington and adjacent to Watts & Morgan. Sam's team operate on the ground level in the High Street.

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Suzanne, who has been appointed to sales and commercial manager, has three decades of travel experience and has travelled to many destinations, including: Asia, India, Scandinavia, Spain, USA, Canada, Maldives, Mauritius, Caribbean, Switzerland, France, Italy, the Middle East and South Africa. She has also visited 14 Greek Islands and is an expert in Boutique, Luxury (including first

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We have had a few ladies in looking for that little something for the party season: call in and have a look for yourself. We have held a lot of charity fashion shows this season, a big thank you to all the organisations that have invited me to present, we have helped raise funds for their chosen charities.

We have one more show on November 12 at 7.30 pm at St Bride's Church hall for the Mothers' Union; if you would like to attend this fun evening, call for details.

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Tŷ Hafan launches new appeal to fund major hospice refurbishment

TY Hafan, the children's charity and hospice in its 20th year of service, has launched a £1.5 million 'Fit For Future' appeal for major refurbishment, and has unveiled the plans for the renovation project, beginning in the New Year.

Focusing on making clinical adaptations to the hospice building in Sully, the plans involve upgrading the 10 care bedrooms, eight family bedrooms, living and social areas plus the installation of a wireless nurse call system and air conditioning in the children's bedrooms.

Tŷ Hafan's CEO, Rob Jones, explains: "It was a ground-breaking moment when Tŷ Hafan opened its doors 20 years ago in 1999. Being used 365 days a year and providing essential around-the-clock care to over 840 life-limited children and families in Wales, it's no surprise that the building needs refurbishment."

Rob Jones is a 'Tŷ Hafan dad' and has been visiting the hospice for eight years with his daughter, Poppy and uses his first-hand experience to help steer the charity.

"There have been significant advances in medicine and clinical technology over the last 20 years and we have worked tirelessly to stay on top of these changes, but the needs of the children and their families are becoming ever more complex," said Mr Jones.

"Life-limited children are living longer because of the expert care available to them, so we need to keep pace with the changing world of healthcare and refurbish our equipment, facilities and overall environment to meet demands and continue providing the best possible care."

Phase one is due to commence in January 2020, undertaken by contractors Knox and Wells, and will prioritise refurbishing the living spaces and bedrooms – creating a therapeutic, purpose-led environment throughout. Phase two, which will begin later in 2020, will focus on refurbishing other areas of the hospice like the 'transition hub' for service-users approaching graduation age (14-18) and the bathrooms throughout.

As well as providing a more bright and cheerful 'beach hut' theme throughout, architects CAPITA have

paid particular attention to making essential clinical adaptations to the hospice. Key features include infection-controlled flooring, providing more space for nurses to prepare medicine for children and ensuring facilities are as accessible as possible for children with complex conditions.

Families cared for by Tŷ Hafan were also consulted in the planning stages: some of their views included giving the communal lounge and living areas a greater sense of privacy while retaining the approachable and welcoming aesthetic, and creating a more homely feel in the family bedrooms, all of which have been incorporated into the plans.

Tŷ Hafan has already had a head start in its fundraising thanks to charitable trusts, grants and the charity's annual ball which, collectively, has taken their current total to just over £500,000; but the appeal requires a further £1million to complete the refurbishment. With the hospice relying on charitable donations alone, Tŷ Hafan needed to launch 'Fit For Future', which has already garnered the support of Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones, a big advocate of the charity.

The appeal will run for six months, over Christmas and into the New Year to help fund the entire project. This is in addition to the £4.4 million the charity requires annually to continue providing the care to life-limited children and their families, at the hospice and out in the community.

Mr Jones explains: "The people of Wales came together to build Tŷ Hafan, the first children's hospice in Wales, back in 1999 and raised £1million without any government funding. We're asking people in Wales to come together again for Tŷ Hafan, 20 years later.

"Tŷ Hafan still doesn't receive any direct government funding, so any donation, no matter how big or small, will be crucial to help us futureproof the hospice and be ready for the next generation of life-limited children and their families in Wales."

For more information about Tŷ Hafan's appeal, to make a donation and to watch the full video explaining the refurbishment project featuring CEO Rob Jones, visit: www.tyhafan.org/fitforfuture.

Grow a beard – stop people dying of bowel cancer



GROW a beard this December to stop people dying of bowel cancer in Wales

Bowel Cancer UK is encouraging men across Wales to get sponsored to grow a beard this December.

Taking part in Decem Beard is really simple. All you need to do is shave on 30 November and let your facial fuzz grow throughout the month. Already bearded? No problem. Dye, ditch or decorate your beard and join the campaign.

More than 2,200 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer in Wales each year, making it the country's fourth most common cancer. It's also the country's second biggest cancer killer, but it shouldn't be as it's treatable and curable, especially if diagnosed early.

Michael Locke, Wales Fundraising Manager at Bowel Cancer UK, said: "Whether you already have a beard or are growing one for the first time, Decem Beard is a great way to do something amazing this festive season and support those living with bowel cancer. The money you raise will help fund vital research and lifesaving research. It couldn't be easier to take part. Sign up, ditch your razor and get sponsored to grow a beard or get creative with the beard you already have. Join the campaign and help us stop people dying from bowel cancer."

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Bridgend's 'Just Drive' on a journey with Firestone!



A **FOUR-piece indie band from Bridgend called Just Drive is on a journey towards a music breakthrough with Firestone, after beating nearly 1,000 acts to make the final of the tyre brand's 'Road to the Main Stage' competition.**

Just Drive – childhood friends Chris Bowen-Jones, Ryan David, James Orwin and Daniel Goodall – have been dreaming of giving up the day jobs, but their fate now lies in the general

public's hands. People will vote on www.firestone.roadtomainstage.co.uk between now and November 13.

A Firestone judging panel whittle 950 acts down to eight, along with TV and radio presenter Abbie McCarthy. The band is now one of eight acts left, and they have earned rave reviews already on BBC Radio Wales and written four singles which have generated a buzz, with four more in the pipeline.

Coincidentally, they could be the third Bridgend act to win this competition in the last three years, following

Fire Fences in 2017 and John Nicholas in 2018.

Abbie McCarthy said: "With so much incredible unsigned talent out there, Road to the Main Stage represents an amazing opportunity for these bands and artists."

Just Drive's lead guitarist Chris Bowen-Jones said: "We have been playing for so many years now and have always wanted to see our name up in lights, which might just happen with Firestone."

To vote on Firestone's Road to the Main Stage and for more information, visit firestone.roadtomainstage.co.uk.

What's on, and where?

The history of Gwalia Stores

LLANTRISANT Guildhall Public Lecture Programme welcomes Dr Beth Thomas to explain the fascinating story of the Gwalia Stores and its origins in Llantrisant on Thursday, November 7 at 7.30pm.

Gwalia Stores was originally built at Ogmore Vale in 1880 and is currently located at St Fagans National History Museum.

The stores were a family business, run by William Llewellyn and his family and by 1916 the departments included bakery, ironmongery, grocery, men's outfitters, pharmacy and animal feeds. Find out how his childhood experiences as the son of a shopkeeper led to his determination to succeed in business and become one of the richest men in the county.

Tickets £3 each, available in advance from info@llantrisant-guildhall.co.uk. Contact 01443 449111 for further information.

Art Society

ON Thursday, November 7, there will be a demonstration of a still life in oils by Abergavenny artist and tutor Lee Wright at Cowbridge Art Society.

The society's annual Winter Exhibition will start on Monday, November 9 and the official opening takes place on Thursday, November 14.

The society meets in the Old Hall from 7pm-9pm on Thursday evenings for ten sessions each term. New members, painters, non painters and visitors are most welcome. Details of this term's programme are available in the foyer of the Old Hall, Cowbridge and full membership information is available at facebook.com/cowbridgeart.sas.

History society's book launch

THE Ogmore Valley History Society is holding a 20th anniversary book launch this Saturday, November 9, at 11am in Ogmore Vale Primary School.

There will be songs from the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir, the Ogmore Valley Ladies Choir, and the Ogmore Valley Prize

Silver Band.

Revive those old household helpers!

REPAIR Cafe Wales will be at Bethel Church Hall in Llantwit Major again on Saturday, November 9 from 10am to noon.

Volunteers will be at hand to look at your portable household items, to attempt to repair or provide recommendations, together with refreshments while you wait.

Last Tango... in Dinas

THE Dinas Powys Players present Mike Harding's play *Last Tango in Whitby* at the parish hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 14, 15 and 16 at 7.30pm.

Last Tango in Whitby was premiered at the Nottingham Playhouse in 2000 followed by a successful tour. Two years later the Dinas Powys Players presented the play. Recently widowed Pat's charabanc trip to Whitby with her assortment of friends is tinged with sadness but she is determined to enjoy herself.

Last Tango in Whitby is being directed by Eileen Carryer and features a strong cast of members new to the play, together with members who appeared in the 2002 production.

For tickets call 07592 583794 – 02920 512868; also available from The Village Stores and Valley View Fruit Store.

Poverty-busting Big Quiz Night returns

ON Saturday, November 16, groups and churches up and down the country will take part in the Big Quiz Night – a nationwide quiz for the international development charity, Tearfund.

Last year's Big Quiz Night was a great success with 500 venues and 23,000 people taking part. This year in Penarth, the quiz will be hosted at two venues – Tabernacle Baptist Church in Plassey Street or the upstairs hall at Trinity Methodist church, hosted by Eden Church.

Refreshments and a homemade curry are included. Reserve a table for a team of six at penarthcurryquiz@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 13.

www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Events in your area

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Andrew Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose between 6pm and 7pm on Friday, November 8. No appointment necessary.

Valeways walks

ON Monday, November 11 at 11am, Penarth Parks, starting at the Penarth cliff top car park.

On Wednesday, November 13 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bron y Mor car park, Cold Knap.

Also on November 13 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain.

On Thursday, November 14 at 2.30pm, the Penarth Coffee Shop Strollers meet Penarth cliff top car park.

Highlight Park Cuppa

COME along and brighten up your day with some company and a cuppa.

We are open on Monday, November 11 from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the Highlight Park Community Centre; everyone is very welcome.

Community Cinema

THE next film at Dinas Powys Community Cinema is *Yesterday* (12A) on Saturday, November 9. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

After a bus accident during a global blackout, Jack Malik wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed.

Tickets (£4.50) on the door, from the DPVC office at the rear of Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys (CF64 4QQ) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Chatty Cafe

THE monthly Great Get Together Chatty Cafe opens again on the second Saturday of the month in its new home, Llantwit Major Library.

All are welcome

11.30am-12.30pm on Saturday, November 9 and December 14. Come along for a cuppa and a natter; volunteers welcome.

If you'd like to bake something to share, join us at 11.30am. For more information, head to the Library or see GreatGetTogetherLlantwit.

Bazaar in Barry

BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas bazaar on November 9 from 1pm until 4pm.

Entry is £1.50. We are situated in a cabin between Poundstretchers and the Waterfront medical centre. The funds raised go towards the Community Centre we will build on the site.

Penarth Computer Club

THE next meeting of the Computer Club is at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth, on November 12, when the topic will be Microsoft Office (free version).

The club offers advice on all types of devices; visitors welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch launch Safeguarding Week

THE week beginning November 11 has been designated 'National Safeguarding Week', when a series of events will be taking place across Cardiff and the Vale.

As part of the week's programme, the Safer Vale Partnership and the Vale of Glamorgan

Neighbourhood Watch Association will be holding a meeting with the focus on the issue of domestic abuse.

It takes place on Thursday, November 14 at 6.30pm in the Civic Offices in Barry.

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Hollie reigns supreme at County Stock Judging Day



Among other awards, Hollie Jones from Wick Young Farmers' Club recently won the under-16 Junior Stockman's Cup – the first time the Wick Club has won the accolade in more than 10 years.

THE Glamorgan County Finals of Young Farmers Stock Judging were held on October 19 at Pentwyn Farm in Skewen by permission of the Leyshon family.

With all seven clubs vying for the top spot, there was strong competition in all four categories of dairy, beef, lambs and pigs. The day was planned to perfection by county organiser Gwyneth Thomas and her team of officers; even the rugby fans were catered for with televised coverage of the Rugby World Cup quarter finals. Members were required to spend 15 minutes judging a ring of four animals before writing

up their reasons and giving the judges their opinions within the two-minute time allocation.

Wick had a fantastic day with Lucy Robert placing joint second in the under-16 veterinary quiz, Sophie Price third in the under-21 pigs and Hollie Jones not only achieving first in both beef and lamb under-16 categories with a staggering 95% and 96% respectively, but she also won the coveted under-16 Junior Stockman's Cup. As a small club, we were delighted with Hollie's accolade, the first time in almost 10 years the cup has been won by Wick YFC; she also achieved two third places at the County Carcass Finals in both under-16

pork and lamb. At only 14 years of age, this is Hollie's fifth year as a member of Wick YFC.

With the excitement of the day over, members celebrated at the stock judging dance and they all enjoyed the evening with a few members rolling in just in time to start the next busy day on the farm. The YFC year is only just beginning, with the drama practices about to commence and the County Eisteddfod and County Quiz competitions looming; a busy few months lie ahead.

Why not take a look at our website www.wickyfc.com

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For more information on Jet, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; give us call on 01656 725219, or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Pictured above is Jet with his canine carer Chelsey Gough.

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The latest news from Ysgol Sant Baruc Making links with schools abroad



BEFORE half term Mrs Scully and Mrs Edwards visited Tarsus in Turkey to start a new Erasmus project called 'How healthy are you?'

Schools from England, Spain, Turkey and Italy also attended to discuss the coordination of the project. Over the next two years the school will participate in activities that will encourage pupils to live a healthy life. All schools involved will visit Wales during June 2020 where the

school will welcome pupils from Spain.

Thank you to class 4 for their recent Harvest assembly, which was presented to the whole school and parents. Thanks also to Mrs Incledon for presenting the school with a beautiful loaf of bread and to the families who donated food for the local foodbank. Gwenno Hughes from Barry Foodbank attended the school to accept the food that was collected. Barry Fire Service visited the school on October 9 to talk to

classes 2 and 5 about fire safety. Class 2 discussed the importance of not playing with matches, and who to phone in a fire emergency. Class five learnt about fire safety and the importance of having smoke alarms installed in the home.

On October 4, year 4 pupils visited Cardiff Castle to participate in a Welsh Legends workshop based on the whole school topic of 'Wales'. The pupils also enjoyed a tour of the castle and learning about its history.

Barry Camera Club snap up prizes in competition

AT Barry Camera Club's meeting on October 4, the guest speaker for the night was Matthew Jones who gave a talk entitled 'My Journey', on the technique, equipment and preparation behind his images.

He is a keen user of High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography and showed examples of landscapes and waterfalls taken using the technique. The evening was well received by the members. On October 11, friend of the club Keith Sharples displayed print mounting techniques and showed a brief history of how print mounting has developed from early times through to the typical mounts of today. On October 18, Cardiff Camera club visited for the annual battle.

The competition was split into two parts, prints and projected images, with each club showing ten of each, marked out of 20. Prints came first and Tina Haydon from Barry scored 20 for her 'Love In A Mist', a delicate portrait of a flower.

In the first half, Cardiff scored 172 and Barry 175. Cardiff's digital images entries had two scoring 20 points, 'Prince of Wales Bridge' and 'The Pose' and came away with a final score of 176 giving them a grand total of 348, with Barry three points behind on 345. The evening was helped along by a buffet which was enjoyed by all parties.

At the monthly competition, the entries were split into three groups: Colour Prints, Monochrome Prints and Projected Images. The judge was Peter Young, the current President of the Welsh Photographic Federation. He was very impressed by the standard of the images presented and emphasised how difficult it was to separate the prize winners. Congratulations to those who won prizes.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. Visit www.barrycameraclub.co.uk.

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Sky Notes look to the November heavens

IN November, the Milky Way is almost, but not quite overhead, writes Dave Powell of Barry Astronomical Society.

From a dark site, it can be traced rising from the western horizon, overhead and dropping down to the eastern horizon.

Towards the west, you can see the major constellations of summer slipping ever closer towards the horizon and it is a last chance to spot the summer triangle of Deneb, (Cygnus), Altair, (Aquila), and Vega, (Lyra).

Above your head, amongst the stars of the Milky Way, is Cassiopeia with its famous 'W' shape.

Below Cassiopeia, about half-way towards the southern horizon, is the great square of Pegasus.

If you are observing from a dark site, using the naked eye, count how many stars you can see within the confines of the square.

From the top left-hand corner of the square is

Andromeda, and all you will need is a pair of binoculars to find the spiral Galaxy M31 (see last month's column for directions).

To the left of Cassiopeia is Perseus, and further down towards the eastern horizon, the signs of approaching winter herald the constellations of Taurus, Gemini, and

mighty Orion.

All three will be vying for attention next month.

On the evening of November 15, watch the Moon occult a bright star in Gemini.

You will need binoculars to see it disappear as the Moon will be very bright; start to look from 9.45pm. Think of the Moon as a clock face and concentrate on the 10 o'clock position.

The star will disappear at approximately 10pm and reappear at approximately 10.05pm near the 12 o'clock position.

The time between the start and end is very short. From some parts of the UK, no occultation will take place.

The same thing happens to another star in the early hours of

November 16.

This time, watch the 9 o'clock position at approximately 1.15am and the 3 o'clock position at approximately 2.35am to see it reappear.

As the Moon has no atmosphere of its own, the stars will appear to snap out and reappear the same way in a split second, so once you see the Moon, get really close and don't look away, because if you blink, you'll miss it!

You can also use the Moon to catch sight of the planets.

On November 1, it lies between Jupiter and Saturn, then on the following evening it lies to the left of Saturn.

To view this, look early in the evening twilight.

Another special event takes place this month involving the Sun and a planet, but it will need special equipment, so keep an eye on our website for further details; www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com.

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Garden birds at the Forum

THIS week's speaker was Anthony Walton from Tonyrefail, a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The illustrated talk was 'Birds in your Garden', and their habits. Birds such as jays will collect over 5,000 acorns and peanuts in the summer to survive the winter. Members watched a video of a crow retrieving food from a glass

full of water by dropping pebbles in the water to raise the level, and subsequently the food.

Next week's speaker will be a representative from Llamau on the topic 'Homeless Women and Youths'. Further information from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455. The Forum meets at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry each Thursday at 9.45am; new members are always welcome.

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Airport's sunflower scheme for those needing extra help on their journey



CARDIFF Airport has joined the Sunflower Lanyard scheme, which gives customers the option of requesting additional support or special assistance at the airport.

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Cardiff Airport also offers familiarisation tours, where customers can arrange a convenient time or date to visit the

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Deb Bowen Rees, CEO said: "We are delighted to take part in what is a globally recognised scheme. Our customers are at the heart of everything we do."

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Welsh Agriculture takes aim at 'unbalanced coverage' of meat-free lifestyles

A BODY representing Welsh lamb, beef and pork producers has called for a more balanced debate around the issue of diet choices in the media.

Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) – has emphasised that consumers can make more informed choices on how to reduce their carbon footprint by being aware of how and where their food is produced, rather than cutting whole groups of food from their diet.

The red meat body pointed to research which shows that meat reared in non-intensive production systems such as those in Wales are far more sustainable options than often-cited global averages would suggest.

"We respect the fact that people make their own dietary decisions for a range of personal reasons," said HCC's chief executive Gwyn Howells.

"However, it's vital that the media doesn't distort the debate, and

helps people to make informed choices."

He added: "According to an opinion poll commissioned for HCC earlier this year, on average the UK public now think that 16.6% of the population is vegan, following the huge coverage given to diets free of meat and dairy. However the real figure is much lower, with the Vegan Society saying that just 1.16% of UK adults don't eat animal products."

Mr Howells emphasised the huge differences in meat production systems across the world, and criticised the use of global averages to describe the environmental impact of livestock.

"Unfortunately, leading broadcasters have promoted online 'carbon calculators' which claim to measure the impact of your diet on the planet, without making any allowance for where you source your meat."

"Welsh lamb and beef is overwhelmingly reared in non-intensive ways and fed on natural grass. It's a world away from systems abroad which often have a much

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"In terms of water resources, for instance, the media and campaign groups sometimes say that it takes 15,000 litres to produce a kilo of beef, whereas research into sustainable grass-based production systems say the figure can be as little as 221 litres, which is lower than many plant-based foods."

To counter misleading coverage, HCC is featuring the authentic voices of Welsh farmers in its marketing campaigns – many of whom are employing world-leading practices to capture carbon in their soils and reduce inputs such as fertilisers.

Gwyn Howells said: "Consumers should look at the reality of the situation. They can be confident in enjoying sustainable and nutritious lamb and beef reared in Wales."

Barry Floral Society news

FOR members of the Barry Floral Society November means Christmas decorations.

On November 12, Linda Garratt of Abergavenny will inspire with her demonstration 'It's That Time of Year'. On November 26, members will be busy with their own designs and

enjoying cake, chat and tea. Both meetings start at 2.15pm. On December 3, the society will welcome friends to its annual exhibition/coffee morning from 10.30am to 12pm, in aid of local charity, the donkey sanctuary at The Amelia Trust Farm in Barry. All events to be held at the St Nicholas Community Hall, Barry.

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PINFOLD

June (née Wright)

(Formerly of Barry Road, Barry)

Passed away peacefully in Shell Cove, Australia on 1st November 2019, aged 86 years. Loving sister to Colin and sister-in-law to Ann.

BLACK

Mary Elizabeth (née Luen)

Peacefully at College Fields Nursing Home on 26th October 2019, aged 91 years. Devoted wife of the late Alex, loving mother to Catherine, Mary and Alison, mother-in-law to Ron and Andrew, grandmother to Rhian and Sion. Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at All Saints Church, Barry, on Wednesday, 13th November at 3pm.

No flowers, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The British Heart Foundation at the service.

Acknowledgements

HOWELLS

John Llewelyn

Monica and family would like thank all friends and neighbours, for their lovely cards and attendance at John's funeral service, thank you also, for all donations received in John's memory.

John is now at peace, we will all miss him very much, with all our love xxx

Birthday Memories

BIRTHDAY MEMORIUM
CONIBEAR

Alice

12th November

No birthday card today, only very happy memories of my best friend and sister.
Love Mags xxx

Family Notices

THOMPSON

Noel John

On 31st October 2019, aged 92 years, loving husband to Jo, loving father grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road Barry, on Friday, 8th November at 5pm.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to The R.N.L.I at the service.

HARVEY

Bonny

Passed away on 27th October 2019.

Funeral service to be held at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 14th November at 11.15am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family Flowers only.

Further enquiries please contact Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

EDWARDS

Alan Thomas

Passed away peacefully on 17th October 2019, aged 80, at the University Hospital of Wales.

A friend to many.

Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 11th November at 10am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIUM
COLES

Martyn

7th November

To hear your voice, to see your smile, to sit and talk to you a while, to be together in the same old way, would be our dearest wish today.

Sadly missed.

Love Mum, Dad, family & friends xxx

BIRTHDAY MEMORIUM
DIDCOTE

Patricia

06-08-1946 - 04-11-2017

Cherished memories of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Two years have gone by since you left us, but the pain is still here.

Loving husband Frank & family.

HAWKER

Eini Helina

Passed away peacefully on 26th October 2019, aged 90, at Llandough Hospital. Cherished and adored wife to Ernest. Loving mum to Julia, Helen, Micky, Billy and Annabell. Adored nan to her many grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Beloved mother-in-law to Gordon, Josephine and Calvin.

Loved sister to Sanni.

Eini will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Thursday, 14th November at 11am at our Chapel of Rest, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

PECK

Edward James

Peacefully on 26th October, Ted of Pendoylan Close, Barry, Beloved husband of the late Marianne, loving father of Dominic and Karen, much loved grandpa of Sarah, Teresa and Bradley and a dear brother of Ron.

Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Wednesday, 13th November, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11am then afterwards to Brynhill Golf Club. Flowers and enquiries to W.H. Preece & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

BOWRING

Yvonne Cecilia

Yvonne died peacefully at home in the company of her loving family on 24th October 2019, aged 81 years. Loved wife of the late Roy. Loving mum to Karl and Kim. Adored grandmother and great-grandmother.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major, until the funeral service at 11am on Friday, 15th November at Coychurch Crematorium. Please respect family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, may be sent to Wales Air Ambulance, Ty Elusen, Ffordd Angel, Llanelli Gate, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ or c/o the funeral director.

THOMAS

Gail (née Eynon)

Passed away peacefully at Holme Tower on 26th October, 2019, aged 60 years. Beloved wife to Bryan, Loving mother and grandmother. Gail was a cherished sister and aunt who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, 12th November at 1pm, followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations greatly received in favour of Marie Curie Hospice at the service.

SWARTS

Elaine Mary

Passed away peacefully on 27th October 2019 at home. Cherished and adored wife to Vernon. Loving mum to Derrin, Mark and Claire. Adored nan to Cally and Stevie and great-nan to Jordan.

Elaine will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 11th November at 12 noon at our Chapel of Rest, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers, in memory of Elaine, would be gratefully received by Dementia UK.

NICHOLAS

Phyllis (née Ladd)

Passed away peacefully on 5th November 2019. Beloved wife of Bill, daughter of the late Harry and Blodwen, sister to the late Mary. Devoted mother to Judith, Elizabeth and John and an adored grandmother and great-grandmother.

A celebration of Phyllis's life will take place on Monday, 11th November 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Penllyn, Cowbridge, CF71 7RQ at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff Natural Burial Meadow, Coedardhyddyn Park, St Nicholas, Cardiff, CF5 6SF at 12.30pm.

No flowers please, but donations would be welcomed for St. John the Evangelist Church online at www.p-nicholas.muchloved.com or via the funeral director.

All enquiries to Parkman Funeral Home, 19, Camms Corner, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QY. Tel: 02922 362101.

PARSONS

Derek Melvon

Passed away peacefully on 24th October 2019, at University Hospital of Wales. Cherished and adored husband to Barbara. Loving dad to Suzanne and Lorraine. Adored grandad to Samuel, Bethan, Lewis and Joseph and great-grandad to Mali. Beloved father-in-law to David and James. Loved brother to Jacqueline and the late Colin.

Derek will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 18th November at 1pm at Saint Cuthberts Church, Porthkerry, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers may be made to Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

ROBINSON

Eileen J

(of Richard Street, Barry)

06/03/1927 - 26/10/2019 (92 years old)

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A celebration of the life of Eileen will take place on Monday, 11th November at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Bright clothes to be worn please.

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REECE

Trevor Edward

Passed away suddenly at home on 27th October 2019, aged 59 years. Trevor will be dearly missed by his wife Janet and their sons Joseph, David and Matthew, as well as family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown, Llantwit Major until the service and committal on 13th November 2019 at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 2pm.

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Birthdays

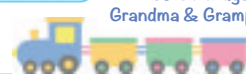
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on 11th November 2019

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1. Ar 5 Tachwedd 2019, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 1, 2 a 84 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Gorchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 11 Tachwedd 2019 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion traffig a'r marciau ffordd angenrheidiol mewn lle pa un bynnag ddaw olaf a chyfeirir ato fel Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (B4055 Heol Caerdydd (Rhan) Dinas Powys) (Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40 MYA) 2019. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a map yn dangos yr ardal oedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

3. Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilystrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad yw'n unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofnyddion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offerynnau a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn fewn wythnos wedi 11 Tachwedd 2019, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd deithio'n gyflymach na 40 m.y.a. yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Cyfyngiad cyflymder 40mya arfaethedig (l'w nodi ar Fap Cyf AS57, AS58, AR58, AQ58, AP58)
A4055 (rhan) – Heol Caerdydd, Dinas Powys
(Rhwyng Green Lane a'r Gylchfan sy'n gwasanaethu'r A4231 a'r B4267 a elwir hefyd cylchfan Biglis)
O ochr orllewinol Cylchfan Biglis o'r gyffordd â Heol Caerdydd, Y Barri (yn gyfagos â chyfyngiad cyflymder 40mya presennol Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig Cyf 515) gan gynnwys y System Gylchu i'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 1150 metr sy'n cysylltu â'r cyfyngiad 30mya presennol wrth ddod i mewn i Dinas Powys.

Dyddiedig 7 Tachwedd 2019.
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô.
CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4055 CARDIFF ROAD (PART), DINAS POWYS) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2019

1. On the 5th November 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 & 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.

2. The Order will come into operation on the 11th November 2019 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (B4055 Cardiff Road (Part) Dinas Powys) (40 MPH Speed Restriction) Order 2019. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 11th November 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 40 miles per hour in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed 40mph speed limit (Insert in Map Ref AS57, AS58, AR58, AQ58, AP58)
A4055 (part) - Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys
(Between Green Lane and the Roundabout that serves the A4231 and the B4267 also locally known as Biglis roundabout)
From the west side of Biglis Roundabout from its junction with Cardiff Road, Barry (contiguous with the existing 40 mph speed restriction Traffic Regulation Order Ref 515) including the Gyrotron in a generally north-easterly direction for a distance of 1150 metres linking to the existing 30mph restriction entering Dinas Powys.

Dated this 7th day of November 2019.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe.
CF5 6AA



Club's captain leaves on a high



THE Ladies of Penarth Bowling topped a good 2019 summer season by winning the GCWBA afternoon league.

Winning 12 of the 14 games they amassed an impressive total of 98 points to take the league title. The photo shows outgoing Captain Chris Davies on the right admiring the trophy with incoming Captain Joan Lewis.

No doubt Joan will endeavour to emulate this victory in 2020.

The Ladies of Rectory Road can also be well pleased with their second place position in the evening league, losing out by the narrowest of margins.

The 2020 season promises well for Joan and her squad.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2019/01151/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Listed Building Consent for the inclusion of secondary windows behind (internally) the existing windows
Location/Lleoliad: Tinkins Hall, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas Grade II
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2019/01174/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: The reconstruction of the stone boundary wall with a traditional stone wall of a lower height, on the line of the original wall, to allow the provision of safe, readily accessible car parking within the curtilage of the dwelling
Location/Lleoliad: Navron, Boverton Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2019/01154/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Change of use of former stables to equine clinic (lameness and stomach disorders), equine rug wash company, dog grooming parlour and dog and equine wholesale store, cattery
Location/Lleoliad: Pantwilkin Stables, Llanquar Road, Aberthyn

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>
Dated / Dyddiedig: 7 November, 2019
V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry.
CF63 4RT

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LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT TUK UK has applied to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council on 30th October 2019 for the grant of a premises licence to use the premises at Homersense, Unit 1, Tabbot Green Retail Park, Llantrisant, Wales, CF22 8LW for the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption off the premises only, on Monday to Saturday 09:00 to 20:00 and Sunday 11:00 to 17:00 as more particularly set out in the application.

Any person who wishes to make a representation in relation to this application must give notice in writing to: Licensing Department, Headquarters, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Tonypandy, CF40 2XK to be received by no later than 27th November 2019 stating the grounds for making said representation.

The register and a record of the application can be inspected on the Council's website www.rctcbc.gov.uk or by appointment at the Council's offices during office hours. It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in or in connection with an application for a premises licence and the maximum fine on being convicted of such an offence is unlimited.

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ROMA JEAN HENSHAW (Deceased)

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Points: Savoy B 28, Harbour B 25, Penarth Cons A 24, West End C24, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Cadoxton Cons B 21, Wyndham Cons A 18, Rhosce Social B 14, Rhosce Social C 13, Penarth Cons B 11, *Liberals 4.

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Services Social B 2, Savoy C 3; West End A 2, West End B 3; Harbour A 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Wyndham Cons D 1, Market Street B 4; Market Street C 5, Sully Sports A 0.

Points: Savoy C 28, Market Street C 26, Market Street A 24, Services Social B23, West End A 21, Wyndham Cons D 21.

* = Points deducted. View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

When you could post a letter in Barry at 8am and get a reply the same day!

LOCAL historian Laurie Owen has always been fascinated by the infrastructure and logistical problems that were encountered during the period 1884 to 1905, when Barry grew from a small village to a large town, driven by the construction of Barry Docks. In this extract, he looks at communication, through Post Offices, Telegraph and Telephones:

THE 'Barry Dock Bill' was finally given Royal Assent in August 1884 and the leading colliery owners of the Rhondda, Ogmore and Llynfi Valleys could now begin their ambitious project.

Just three months later, Chairman Lord Windsor cut the first sod to signal that work on the Docks could begin. Illustrious contractor TA Walker, brought 3,000 navvies to work day and night on this enormous task, which would affect the lives of people in Cadoxton, Merthyr Dovan and East Barry.

At the same time, construction began on the railway main line between Cadoxton and Trehafod, giving the company another route to transport their steam coal, for shipping all over the world.

The first Medical Officer of Health, Dr. George Neale L R C P (E d i n), LRCS(Edin), recorded how the population had grown in just four years, from 500 to 10,000 by January 1889. When the Docks opened in July, seamen from all over the world added to that number.

1890 was the 50th anniversary of the introduction of 'Penny Postage' and it was still possible to send a 10z letter anywhere in the country for 1d, with a 4oz costing 2d.

Prior to the Docks being built, James Evans ran a shop and post office from 'Hillside House' near the 'King William the Fourth' inn at Cadoxton. James and wife Maria had been grocers there for more than 30 years, but the first 'listing' as a post office was in the 1881 census, then just 10 years later they were only recorded as grocers, probably due to the new PO in Vere Street.

Joshua Barstow, a close neighbour at Hebble House, would later assert that the old village PO had been removed "with great stealth and no prior warning".

Letter writing was the only way for ordinary people to communicate with friends and families and post offices soon appeared in Cadoxton, Holton, Barry Dock and

East Barry. With no salary, just income by way of commission, it was vital to sell other things.

The Barry Dock News reported how Cardiff PO were reluctant to allow enough offices, but over the next few years the increasing population demanded progress.

Widow Agnes Long had been postmistress at 47 Vere Street for four years and in the 1891 census, Walter Taylor was the young postman. Albert John Went, aged 14, was also registered to carry and deliver letters and parcels. Agnes died two years later after a long illness, but Levi Molineux had been advertising his PO in Vere Street since November 1889, as well as a new branch in Holton Road.

Listed in the census next to the Victoria Hotel, it served the Glebeland and Williams' Field area 7am-8pm weekdays and 7.30am-10.30am on Sundays. Levi was a shoe merchant and official receiver for the PO, before resigning in July 1893 to be replaced by stationer George James Hutchins. Five years later this PO was renamed 'Holton, Barry' and was likely at either No 35 or 39.

East Barry had a PO at 105 High Street from 1889 and the census listed Frederick C Milner as postmaster, remaining there for at least 20 years.

In October 1890, the new branch PO in Dock View Road opened from 7am-8pm weekdays and 7.30-10.30am on Sundays. Close to the dock entrance, it offered money orders, savings bank and a telegraph/telephone exchange for businesses. Two years later it was extended into the next door premises of the National Provincial Bank.

Vale Street PO opened at No 2 in November 1892, just off Park Crescent. John Davies and wife Ann, traded from 8am-8pm on weekdays with the post-box emptied seven times a day.

Money orders, savings bank, parcel post, insurance and annuities were available, as well as groceries.

After Ann's death in 1909, John relocated to 12 Park Crescent then later to 13, before it crossed the road to No 113, where it remained

until its demise some years ago.

Pyrke Street PO opened in May 1893 at the stationer's shop of David Jones, on the corner of Holton Road. Three years later it moved to new premises opposite, either No. 222 or 230 Holton Road, with David Jones still postmaster.

Barry Island PO opened in 1898 with postmaster E Richards, a stationer in Main Street. No address could be found, but attempts were made several years later, to have a pillar box at the Triangle - all turned down because of the low population.

Barry Road PO opened in 1900 at 3 Barry Road, with Walter Townsend as newsagent/postmaster. Within two years he relinquished the position and Henry Burbidge took over at 50 Barry Road, on the corner of Chesterfield Street.

In September 1889, London Postal Headquarters announced that letters addressed to 'Barry Dock Town, Cadoxton' would be sent to Cadoxton but 'Barry Dock Town' would go to Barry.

The previous month, Cardiff Post wanted mail to be addressed 'Cadoxton near Cardiff', while traders preferred 'Cadoxton Juxta Barry'.

Was it any wonder confusion existed and mail could be delayed?

An impatient reader of the Barry Dock News complained because there was only one daily collection, while another was disgusted that Cadoxton and Barry were totally closed to post from 6pm Saturday to 8am Monday.

The service soon improved, with three daily deliveries and collections. Mail posted at Cadoxton before 10.30am would be delivered to Birmingham the same day and soon letters would go by night mail direct to the North, Scotland and Ireland.

Mail from the North would be due in Cardiff by 5.20am and in Barry by 5.50am, in time for the first morning delivery. Barry Railway could by now carry small parcels.

Many seamen would often arrive and leave on the weekend, expecting to receive letters from home, with sufficient time to send their replies. Intense debate about a 'Sunday Post' took place,

to satisfy the needs of sailors yet preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath. Finally in February 1891, it was announced that Barry and Cadoxton would receive one delivery and collection on Sundays, with mail coming by road from Cardiff, there being no trains.

District Postmaster George Fardo unveiled major changes later that year, by upgrading Barry Dock from a branch to the 'Central Post Office'.

All letters from East Barry, Holton and Cadoxton would go there to be sorted, then forwarded to ships. House-to-house deliveries were extended to farms further-out like Brynhill and Greenyard.

Extra postmen would make collections at 5.15am, 8.20am, 1.15pm and 4.15pm, with deliveries from Barry Dock at 7am, 9.30am, 2pm and 5pm. This meant, for example, that a local letter posted before 8.20am could be delivered after 9.30am and a reply posted before 1.15pm would then be received after 2pm.

Wall boxes down the Vale were located at East Aberthaw, Rhosce and Porthkerry, with pillar boxes in Travis Street emptied 11 times daily, Princes Street 8 daily and 5 times at the Parade.

The Postmaster General had announced plans to erect an 'impressive and commodious' Central PO on the corner of Thompson Street/Dock View Road, as early as 1896.

Two years later, it moved from its 'present bungalow' to new

temporary premises in Dock View Road and over Christmas 1903, they dealt with 300,000 letters and 7-8,000 parcels.

Possibly to pacify an impatient public and overworked staff, the sketch (pictured) of the proposed grand new structure was placed in the Barry Dock News in October of that year. When it finally opened in March 1905, as well as the sorting office, public rooms, telegraph and telephone, there were separate rooms for postmen, male/female clerks and messengers, with a locker, cooking range and lavatory in each one.

Provision was made for a lift from the basement to the top storey and at the rear was a large cycle shed and access for mail carts.

Postmaster JE Price and all his staff, fully appreciated this new building during their first Christmas.

In those early years, daily life meant having to cope with streets filled with different house-builders, gangs of men laying pipes for water and sewerage, horses and carts in and out on a daily basis and the weather.

Rain did not run away into drains, just turned into mud and flooding. Many new residents were too occupied with finding somewhere to live, work and feed their families to read of the wonders of technology, which would soon be available in their new surroundings.

The 'telegraph' had been in existence for many years and was a major turning point in

the history of communication. Messages were transmitted in 'Morse Code' via electricity signals conveyed along wires between stations, either overland or submarine.

Contact could now be made when fighting wars or conducting business and money could even be 'wired' over great distances.

In 1851 a telegraph cable was laid under the English Channel to France, allowing contact with Paris. Then 15 years later after several failed attempts, the 'SS Great Eastern', designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the largest ship ever built successfully laid a cable across the Atlantic.

Telegrams could be received locally in 1889, but could not be sent as there was no telegraph office in the district.

In October, it was reported that an office would soon open in part of the 'Board of Trade Offices' near the station in Dock View Road. Postmistress Miss Dickson supervised a structural upgrade at Cadoxton Post and Telegraph Office in January 1892.

Two years later, both Pyrke Street and Holton were refused permission to be telegraph offices and Cadoxton were still unable to offer a telephone service.

Meanwhile, Guglielmo Marconi had been conducting experiments of his own and in May 1897 sent the first 'morse code' message across open water from Flat Holm to Lavernock

Beach. Conveyed by radio waves and known as 'wireless', he would send the first radio signal across the Atlantic just four years later and one of his operators would later send the message which saved 700 passengers on the sinking Titanic.

Graham Alexander Bell and others had been experimenting in the USA with 'audio' messages, before finally being granted a patent for a telephone in 1876. Within two years, Bell had demonstrated his telephone to the British Government and also to Queen Victoria on the Isle of Wight.

The first long distance calls were made along wires to London, Cowes and Southampton.

Three years later, selected telegraph exchanges were being converted for telephones, with some dispute whether Swansea was the first or Newport and Cardiff. In 1886, Bristol installed a small wooden hut, where a 3 minute call would cost 2p.

Later called kiosks, some were 'penny-in-the-slot' while others had an attendant collecting the money.

Then in October 1890, the Barry Dock Branch PO announced telegraph and telephone access for businesses. Two years later, engineers Laurie & John advertised their own telephone: 'Tel 2' and butcher EJ Poole had 'Tel 8' at Holton.

Surprisingly for one of the town's most progressive entrepreneurs, a press report told how the chairman of the Local

Board John Meggitt, was unimpressed by the "large number of unsightly telegraph/telephone poles along the streets".

The first submarine cable was laid by HMTS Monarch from England to France, allowing a telephone call from London to Paris in April 1891.

In July four years later, the Post Office telephone system opened to the public, allowing contact to many UK cities. People could ring Swansea for 6d, Liverpool, London and Plymouth for 2s, Leeds 2s.6d, Newcastle 3s.6d, Edinburgh 4s.6d, Belfast 6s and Dublin 7s.6d, with 37 other cities similarly priced.

On July 7, 1927, the first official transatlantic telephone conversation took place between WS Gifford, President of America's AT&T and Sir Evelyn Murray, Head of British GPO. Over 3,000 miles between New York and London, it signalled another major step forward in the spoken word.

Transmitted by long-wave radio waves, signals were often weak and very expensive: initially £15 for 3 minutes, reduced to £9 a year later. Engineers in the 1920s had been able to send signals over cables for great distances, which gave much better telephone reception.

However, there were major technical challenges underwater and it would not be until 1956 that better quality and cheaper calls could be made via cable to America.



Pencoed Phoenix battle hard at Pontyclun - and quintet make their international RL debut

PENCOED Phoenix travelled to Pontyclun Falcons for a National Premiership match which was a tremendous advertisement for senior ladies rugby, with both sides giving their absolute all from the first minute to the last, displaying admirable skills along the way.

The opening half was evenly fought in terms of possession and territory, with Phoenix matching their far more seasoned Premiership opponents.

On the balance of play, they could regard themselves a little unfortunate to be 19-5 adrift at the interval, the cutting edge of the home side in attack the only difference between the sides.

Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell scored the Phoenix try with what is fast becoming a trademark interception – racing clear from 35 metres out.

With play to and fro during the third quarter it was the clinical finishing of the home side which saw them stretch their lead with three tries through Charlotte Mundy, their industrious flanker (No7) and dual code international Rafiuke Taylor, who grabbed her second try.

Phoenix however, were competing for every scrap of possession and despite the somewhat distorted scoreline (the accurate boot of Megan Otten was partly responsible for this with her five conversions) Phoenix continued to take the game to the Falcons.

Phoenix were finishing the match strongly and during sustained pressure in the home 22, Laura Keeble raced over wide out.

In the final minute, Phoenix scored another

deserved score through the efforts of their pack who pounded the Falcons' line, skipper Katie Murphy held inches short before Amy Stevens drove over under a mass of bodies for the grounding.

This Phoenix performance, considering the quality of the opposition, was undoubtedly their best since their introduction into the National Premiership and with a little more fine tuning, plus developing younger players within the Phoenix structure, who knows what lies ahead?

Phoenix under-15s met Llantwit Fardre on the day and ran out comprehensive winners by 50-5, scoring eight tries in the process. Remarkably, Emily Lockyer sped away for six of those! Chloe Ghatt and Hannah Marshall got a try each with skipper Marshall adding five conversions.

Phoenix Players' rugby league debut

FIVE Phoenix players made their debut for Wales at rugby league, at The Gnoll in what was also the debut for the Wales women's rugby league side against England.

The five Phoenix players, Lauren Aitkens, Leanne Burnell, Laura Keeble, Emily Hughes and Rebecca Llewellyn-Ennis, also turn out for the Cardiff Blue Dragons.

In fact, Emily Hughes had the distinction of scoring the first Welsh international rugby league try!

Although the more experienced English team eventually won by 30-6, the Welsh team showed great promise, leading by 6-4 at half time.



ABOVE: Lauren Aitkens, Leanne Burnell, Laura Keeble, Emily Hughes and Rebecca Llewellyn-Ennis making their Wales debut in rugby league.

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ABOVE: Laura Keeble scored Phoenix's second try

BELOW: Emily Hughes on the charge at Pontyclun



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Barry and District Men's Skittles

Division 1: Park Lads 279 (I Tweddle, G Sullivan 32), Bunker Boys 279 (C Jennings, S Jaynes 27); Merryman 312 (S Jones 34), Geest 276 (P Hunt, R Finlay 27); Billy Whizz 296 (S Coombs 30), British Rail 256 (J Dakin 27); Blue Monkey 283 (R Fox 28), Willie Wombles 269 (J Cauldwell, J Norris 27); Cavaliers 269 (M Ryan, G Stephenson 26), Sea View 268 (A Chick 30); 49ers 294 (G Yarr 30), Posties 293 (M Gallimore 29).

Points: 49ers 16, Merryman 14, Billy Whizz 12, Blue Monkey 10, Cavaliers 10, Willie Wombles 10, Bunker Boys 5, Park Lads 5, British Rail 4, Sea View 4, Posties 2, Geest 2.

Division 2: Park Rangers 236 (S Dite 26), Castle Boys 233 (S Harding, J Adams 25); Tynny Lads 280 (M Perry 29), Mighty Dockers 268 (L Romans, D Morgan 28); Cannon Balls 295 (D Pike 30), Witchill Poachers 273 (C Copp 29); Barry Park B 259 (N Stephenson 32), KP Rejects 267 (J Barrett 29); Hairy Lemons 272 (R Ryles 29), Colcot Boys 258 (B Sullivan 28); Exiles 254 (A Collins 26), H Bells 283 (T Cole, C White 28).

Points: Tynny Lads 14, Cannon Balls 12, Mighty Dockers 12, H Bells 10, Colcot Boys 10, KP Rejects 10, Park Rangers 7, Hairy Lemons 6, Witchill Poachers 4, Barry Park B 4, Castle Boys 3, Exiles 2.

Division 3: Billy Flyers 287 (G Hobbs 27), BP Breakaways 276 (Jack Rees 30); Witchill Nomads 321 (T Richards 33), Ex Servicemen 333 (D Stevens, R Harrington 35); Abercete 268 (R Mears 26), Royalists 278 (G Evans 30); CUD 248 (B Jones 26), Alternatives 250 (M Anthony 28).

Points: Alternatives 10, Royalists 10, Ex Servicemen 10, Billy Bluebirds 10, Billy Flyers 8, BP Breakaways 6, Cocoa Nuts 6, CUD 3, Witchill Nomads 1, Abercete 0. View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk. **JW**

Big win for Barry Chess Club Quarks

THERE were two games scheduled in Division 3 for the Barry Chess Club this week.

The Quarks were away at Bridgend B and the Gambits made the shorter trip to Cardiff to play the Dragons. At the time of writing, the Dragons/Gambits result is still awaited.

For Bridgend, there were two players involved who had not played before this season, Robert Rees and Simon Davis. For the Quarks, there was a change in board order to give Ian Abraham a more challenging match.

Fortunately for Barry, there were good performances all round with wins for Ian Abraham, John Stephenson and Martin Ricketts.

Tom Cooke and Chris Green on the top two boards chipped in with draws to give the Quarks their best win of the season by 4-1.

The Quarks find themselves in second place in the table, having played five games, although they are yet to play

the Pentrych Amateurs who have won all five of their games to date.

The Amateurs and the Pontypridd Spartans already seem destined for promotion, although it remains to be seen who will be the champions. The Quarks are in danger of being promoted in third place if they are not careful.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm most Mondays excluding Bank Holidays at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to turn up on the night, but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website so that we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on arrival. For more details, visit barrychessclub.yolasite.com. **PJ**

On and off the turf with Brian Lee Local trainers Evan and Tim notch Stratford wins

EVAN Williams and Aberthin's Tim Vaughan both saddled winners at Stratford last Thursday.

Williams' four-year-old *Imperial Flem* won the National Hunt Novices' Hurdle by three lengths from Kim Bailey's Adjourned, and

Vaughan's five-year-old *De Forgotten One* took the Handicap Chase, getting home by a neck from *Lord Du Mesnil*.

Imperial Flem, a 12-1 chance, was partnered by stable jockey *Adam Wedge* and *De Forgotten One*, which went off at odds of 4-1, by stable jockey Alan Johns.

Another winner for Connor

Connor Brace, riding his grandfather David Brace's *Heavenly Promise* won the handicap chase at Uttoxeter

last Friday. The eight-year-old, by *Presenting*, which went off the odds-on favourite, is trained by Fergal O'Brien in the west country and *Beni Light*, the horse that finished second and which was ridden by west Wales' Ben Jones, is trained in Pembrokeshire by Dai Rees.

The mud loving *Heavenly Promise* was also a winner at Uttoxeter, Sedgefield and Bangor.

Hesperus justifies gamble

Here is another story from my book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales*.

'All eyes were on Wales' most famous point-to-pointer *Mandryka* when he chalked-up his 30th success at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at St Hilary in 1976. But it was a nine-year-old bay

gelding called *Hesperous*, owned and trained by Mr MG 'Gwyn' Williams, which caused something of a sensation later in the evening when landing a massive gamble from 16-1 to 2-1 in the maiden race.

Ridden by leading rider John Beavis, who had earlier won the adjacent hunts race on his own *April Delight*, *Hesperous* won in a canter and came home an unchallenged winner by 10 lengths from *Little Wyke*.

'However, it was soon discovered that *Hesperous* should not even have been in the line-up as he had broken Jockey Club rules by being sharpened up in three hurdle races under Rules in the point-to-pointers' close season: the latest run just a few weeks earlier in a handicap hurdle at Hereford where he had

finished a respectable ninth of 18 starters. Mr Williams later attended a top-level Jockey Club inquiry and was fined £250. *Hesperous* was disqualified and the race awarded to the runner-up *Little Wyke*.

Curra and Llangibby

The first of the Curra and Llangibby Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow on November 24 will see the start of the 2019-20 Welsh season.

The Carmarthenshire Hunt Point-To-Point will be staged at Ffos Las Racecourse on December 8 and the second of the two Curra and Llangibby fixtures at Howick will be held on January 16.

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Thanks offered to Brynhill pair



THURSDAY morning for the past 22 years, Mrs Diane Tapscott and Mrs Nicci Case have organised the Thursday League competitions at Brynhill Golf Club for a group of about 25 ladies who meet for 10/12 holes of golf.

Come rain or shine, they play their competition. At the end of the golfing season Diane organises a presentation lunch and this year was assisted by Chris Hopkins and Diane Davies.

Diane Tapscott presented beautiful prizes of Dartington Crystal glasses to winner Robbie Lee, second place Chris Hopkins and third place Olwen Thomas. Diane thanked

everyone for attending the dinner and supporting the Thursday League competitions and presented Chris and Diane Davies with a gift in appreciation for all their help.

The Ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick presented Diane with a bouquet of flowers and a gift from all of the ladies and thanked Diane for all her hard work and dedication.

October competition results: October 22 Waterlogged Wellies, winner: Linda Hewlett. October 29 Hallowe'en Hags, winner: Jane Phillips.

Brynhill Winter/Christmas Fair is on November 12, £1 admission. Many Christmas gifts, crafts, lights, cards - all welcome! **JMK**

Dinas Powys ladies' golf

THE latest results from Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section are as follows:

On October 8, an 18-hole medal 10 was held: First Ruth Yates; second Sue Bridle; third Samantha Saunders.

On October 15, the nine-hole White Elephant medal: First Sam Saunders 41 - 9 = 32 nett; second Angela Brown 48 - 13 = 35 nett; third Audrey Harwood 53 - 13.5 = 39.5.

49 - 13.5 = 35.5. On October 22, a nine-hole Stableford: First, Sue Bridle; second Sharon Jesson on back six from third Sam Saunders.

On October 29, a nine-hole medal Turkey Trot 1: First Ruth Yates 47 - 11.5 = 35.5; second Lisa Ryley 46 - 7.5 = 38.5; third Audrey Harwood 53 - 13.5 = 39.5. **RY**

Ben's big win in Ascot hurdle race

FORMER point-to-point rider Ben Jones had his biggest success to date when landing the Sodexo Handicap Hurdle Listed race at Ascot last Saturday.

Riding the Philip Hobbs trained five-year-old *Gumball*, he made all the running to win by a neck from the Paul Nicholls-trained *Red Force One*, partnered by Bryony Frost to claim the £34,170 first prize. Jones has ridden more than 200 winners between-the-flags and said: "This is a

very special day and *Gumball* is my 19th winner of the season."

Jones was not the only west Wales jockey to ride a big winner at Ascot, as around 40 minutes earlier Lorcan Williams, riding for his guvnor Paul Nicholls, won the Byrne Group Handicap Chase Listed race on *Diego Du Charmil*, in somewhat controversial circumstances as his mount was spooked by another horse and was forced to jump the wing of the fence rather than the fence itself. **Brian Lee**

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League latest

THE Whitchill Wildcats extended their lead at the top of the table with a 10-2 victory at home against the Rhose Social Pocket Dynamos, in a match where Ceri Morris suffered his first singles loss of the season at the hands of Rob Larkin and there was four from four for Sian Kedward and Wayne Hobson.

Still in second place are Billy Whizz who struggled to beat Coconuts 7-5, with the only notable feature being the victory of Simon Moore against Chris Bardsley. In third place the Baruc-Cue-Das also struggled against the King William IV winning 7-5 with a last frame doubles victory. In the remaining games the Vale Wanderers again failed to win at home, losing 7-5 against the Libs Rejects; The Glenbrook Titans won 8-4 away against Finnegan's, and the Rhose Pot Jacks won 7-5 at home against the Castle Dark Lords. **JB**

Barry Beavers play their part in Welsh victory

ON October 19, a team of 16, selected after the the regional swimming gala, travelled to Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre, where Wales were this year's hosts.

They competed against teams from all over England. The teams that competed (as a joint team) to represent Wales were: Barry Beavers, Rhondda Polar Bears, Blaenau Gwent Otters, Gwent Dolphins and Towry Salmon.

At the end of competition, a total of 12 medals had been won by Astra 15 Team Wales, and they won overall with 40 points on the day.

The events that won medals were the following: Gold - Ladies' 25m, Boys' 100m, Ladies' 100m, Men's 100m, Senior Relay, National League. Silver - Men's 25m, Boys' 50m, Ladies' 50m, Girls' 100m. Bronze - Girls' 50m, Men's 50m. **NC**

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Barry RFC latest

AFTER the World Cup Final break, it's back to League action for Barry Rugby Club.

This weekend, they travel to play high-flying Treorchy in the first of three fixtures where they face the League's top sides. A coach

will leave the club at 12.30pm for players and supporters.

Meanwhile, the Second XV are due to face Old Penarthians in the Ron Lucock Cup and the Youth XV face New Dock Stars in the Welsh Youth Cup. Both games at home kick off at 2.30pm. **AJ**



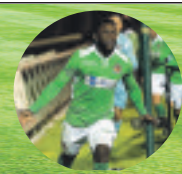
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A new era and the most important element for Wales could be..... ... the fans. *Report by Philip Irwin*

THE GEM's production schedule meant that it wasn't possible to do a report straight after the dubiously named 'Bronze Final'.

Just as well really, because Wales' semi-final performance looks a whole lot better in the light of the final. In that semi, Wales held the new champions to 16-all with 10 minutes left.

Wales had a drop goal chance, but the Springboks escaped and grabbed their chance when they were awarded a penalty. It said a lot about Warren Gatland's men's strength of character.

In the most costly training incident since Glenn McGrath trod on that cricket ball, Wales had lost their most potent attacking threat, Liam Williams, before the game, and by the time they reached half time they had lost George North and Tomas Francis.

In the final, England did lose Kyle Sinckler early on through concussion, but that was all. England fans have complained that Jerome Garces killed them by penalising them in the scrum, but the fact is that M. Garces refereed the Wales semi and, despite being under pressure, the Welsh scrum did not incur his displeasure.

To go back to the

bronze final, the excellent sportswriter Martin Samuel is adamant that it should be done away with, on the grounds that it sentences one team to "go home as a two-time loser".

I agree, and sending out a depleted Welsh squad against a group of battle-hardened, fresh All Blacks, all keen for one last hurrah before heading off to Europe to top up their retirement fund, smacked of cruelty.

That Ben Smith can't get into the All Blacks team these days does rather set the phrase 'strength in depth' in context.

The two coaches said the right things, but no one seriously thought they wanted to be there. There seems to be an edge between Steve Hansen and Warren Gatland, so the Kiwi coach did take some satisfaction, but it was an unworthy send off for Gatland.

Which brings us to the new era, under Wayne Pivac. I'm not sure Gatland did his fellow Kiwi any favours, musing that it would be a great pity if Wales slipped back into the 'doldrums'.

Does that give fickle fans the green light to get discontented? I was surprised that some Welsh friends on social media took a pretty harsh view of that bronze final. Apparently, Wales' passing was poor, the defence not

up to scratch and the players were 'slow'.

Social media, it seems to me, encourages some people to be the first to find fault, so they can boast about it later if it turns out that they were right.

If they're wrong, of course, they go quiet. Now, I have just used a sample so small that it is statistically useless, but I suspect that that scenario was repeated elsewhere. If so, then why is it important?

Well, in the good old days, after a disappointing Saturday performance, fans used to retire to the pub, have a good moan and let off steam. They might have been a bit grumpy on the Sunday, but by Monday it was back to the usual routine.

Now, some fans spend the week working each other up into a lather, and the result is that they are still discontented when they turn up for the next game. A few mistakes in the first 10 minutes and the atmosphere turns sour.

Then, surprise, surprise, the team under-performs and the same vicious cycle starts up again.

To give just one example, consider what has happened to Manchester United since Sir Alex Ferguson retired.

I grew up watching Bridgend RFC, and later on I moved to Cardiff.

In those days, Bridgend were punching above their weight, while Cardiff were under performing, and the fans were part of the problem.

The Brewery Field was constantly supportive of the team. The only time I can recall a player being given a hard time was when a young centre ignored a clear overlap and failed to give the scoring pass to his winger.

Now that was a hanging offence! At Cardiff, in contrast, the fans' attitude was "we've got the best players, what's wrong with you all?" Mervyn John was the captain at the time, and although he was a good player, he took a lot of flak. The atmosphere was so unpleasant that I simply stopped going to the Arms Park.

You may have guessed that this was before social media. I hate to think what would have been said about that Cardiff team nowadays.

So, my fear is that there are keyboard coaches out there dead keen to be the first to declare that Pivac doesn't have what it takes.

Whoever is Welsh coach, he will have to deal with the ever-present Welsh problem of 'strength in depth'.

For this World Cup, we had quite a bit of depth in the pack. Props Samson Lee and Rob Evans were left behind, and lock

Cory Hill didn't feature. On top of that Gatland did not need to call on a strong back row, in Elis Jenkins, Taulupe Faletau (both injured) and Sam Warburton (retired).

Scrum half was OK, with Gareth Davies and Tomos Williams (and Rhys Webb!), but elsewhere in the backs it was shakier, with Jonathan Davies and Hadleigh Parkes so clearly our best centres that they both had to play strapped up like mummies in a Tutankhamun exhibition.

On top of that, Halfpenny, Patchell and Biggar had too many concussions over the preceding 12 months to feel comfortable.

So, thanks to the financial imperatives of the 'bronze final' Wales go home as the 'two time losers' - an incredibly tough way to finish what was without doubt a successful Rugby World Cup.

Wales' players deserve a good rest, and young players coming through the regions are going to need to be looked after. Rugby is a pretty attritional sport these days, and the reserves are as important as the first team.

It's a tough sport, and it would be good to think that the fans will learn the virtue of patience - but I'm not holding my breath!

Barry are derailed by Caernarfon but stay joint top of league



ABOVE:

Mo Touray takes a tumble, with Barry awarded a penalty

BARRY Town's unbeaten start to the JD Cymru Premier season came to a shuddering halt on Saturday, as Gavin Chesterfield's depleted side were beaten 4-1 by in-form Caernarfon Town.

Barry's first defeat in 12 league outings means the Jenner Park outfit now enter this Saturday's top-of-the-table showdown with Connah's Quay Nomads level-pegging with their visitors on 27 points.

Across the campaign's opening weeks, Barry survived the injury losses of Troy Greening, Robbie Patten and Callum Sainty, as well as the suspension of Jordan Cotterill, to remain a robust outfit.

Saturday saw their ranks bolstered by the return of futsal international Chris Hugh, yet the Town now found themselves without the influential Clayton Green, after the second-generation midfielder collected his fifth booking of the season in the prior weekend's 2-0 win over Airbus UK Broughton.

With new injuries in the week ruling out the Cardiff City loan pairing of goalkeeper George Ratcliffe and midfielder Sion Spence, Barry's trip to Caernarfon appeared a daunting one, especially when considering the hosts' formidable record at The Oval.

That said, Barry will be no less disappointed to have lost their unbeaten streak on Saturday, having recorded their strongest start to a Cymru Premier programme since the all-conquering 1997-98 edition.

It took only eight minutes for Caernarfon to open the scoring, with cult favourite Darren Thomas cutting inside and delivering a low drive that returning goalkeeper Mike Lewis was unable to repel.

However, there was soon controversy at the other end, when Evan Press' long ball forward to Kayne McLaggan was caught by Caernarfon goalkeeper Alex Ramsay, outside of his penalty area.

With McLaggan in disbelief, play was waved on, before a second appeal minutes later fell on deaf ears, as the Barry striker claimed to be tripped by midfielder Ryan Williams at the edge of the box.

Denied an opportunity to equalise from the spot, McLaggan was instead given a yellow card. Nevertheless, Barry's leading goalscorer soon had his chance from 12 yards, deftly dispatching a second spotkick in as many matches, after Mo Touray was brought down by youngster Gruff John.

On level terms at the interval, a point would have made a decent return for Barry and kept their noses ahead of Connah's Quay

Nomads, who themselves secured a 1-1 draw with champions The New Saints the previous night.

Caernarfon though smelled blood and, in a single, 15-minute spell, the home side scored three times without reply at their bustling clubhouse end, putting an emphatic end to Barry's unbeaten record.

On 55 minutes, John connected with a rebound header to restore the Canaries' advantage, capitalising to full effect, after Lewis had parried Nathan Craig's left-footed corner clear.

Less than five minutes later, Caernarfon were awarded the game's second penalty; a chance that Craig coolly converted, sending Lewis the wrong way, after Hugh's late challenge took out Thomas.

When Sion Bradley smashed home the fourth on 68 minutes, by way of a wicked deflection, there was clearly no way back for Barry, in spite of the efforts of latter stage substitutes Jack Compton and Eli Phipps.

Chesterfield's bench itself bore an eclectic look, including a return for veteran goalkeeping coach Lee Kendall, whose last league appearance for Barry came in a 1-0 win over Afan Lido in December 2001.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, Saturday paved the way for 18-year old Jack Pascoe to make a first senior appearance, the academy product making his first team bow as a 84th minute replacement. With Lewis saving from striker Jamie Breese late on, sparing Barry's blushes of a fifth in the process, Pascoe's arrival on the first team scene could be seen as the prevailing plus-point of a wretched November afternoon.

Despite the defeat though, Barry's league position remains a hugely healthy one and any win over Connah's Quay on Jenner Park turf this weekend would see them top the table once more, by three points with a game in hand.

With seven wins and six draws from their campaign to date, the Nomads are now the Cymru Premier's only unbeaten side, though it took a late Michael Wilde equaliser to preserve their own record and frustrate TNS last Saturday.

Andy Morrison's men have only won once at Jenner Park in their past three visits; scraping a 1-0 win in October 2017.

Last season, book-ending efforts from McLaggan and Touray helped Barry win their first meeting by two goals to nil at Jenner Park.

With Gavin Chesterfield able to call on captain Cotterill for the first time since August, kick-off at Jenner Park this Saturday (November 9) is at 2.30pm, while third-placed TNS entertain Carmarthen.

Report by Ashley Cox

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Ladies Skittles League for October 28 are:

Division 1: Family and Friends 238 (A Baker 28) v Cigar Ladies 245 (L Wilkins 26); Space Finders 337 (N Morris 35) v Barry Stars 283 (D James 32); Challengers 263 (J Diamond 29) v Pila Pala 259 (E Dyke 28).

Division 2: Witchill Weebies 323 (S Edwards 33) v Breakaways 312 (L Burnett 33); Fallen Angels 252 (L Chambers and S Jones 26) v Rhosoe Starlights 236 (M Crockett 28);

Bobby's Girls 193 (S Snelson and J Barnett 23) v Roller Coasters 243 (B Maffey 29); Clickies 200 (A Batt 26) v Colcot Ladies 232 (K Taylor 25); Family Affair 236 (A Ashell 26) v Reed Admiral 250 (S Clements 31).

Division 3: Off-the-Rails 238 (G Griffiths 28) v Hillbillies 223 (C Scratcher 25) Vixens 216 (S Humphrey 25) v Livin-on-a-Spare 245 (A Finn 30); Witchill Widows 304 (M McKinney 31) v Little Devils 312 (J H Jones 31); Airways Angels 238 (B Collins 32) v Bandits 228 (E Evans 23); Westenders 234 (A

McWhirter and T Stait 26) v Dolly Mixtures 184 (E Beckham 25).

Division 4: Barry Town Bimbos 200 (L Smith 26) v Aristocats 239 (M Davies 27); Nite Outers 142 (K Blackmore 26) v Westend Wanderers 142 (G Peplow and C Nickolson 20); Down Town Gals 221 (M Connibear 27) v Westend Rollers 134 (K Dutton 25) Drifters 222 (T Mollifield 26) v Rebels 225 (L Spurt and K Burman 22); Optimists 200 (S Palmer 26) v Witches 220 (C Green and O Weighall 23).

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Healthspan Wales 10k Series dates are announced

THE dates of the Barry and Porthcawl legs of the 2020 Healthspan Wales 10k Series races have been revealed.

Entries are now on sale for the four 10k races next year.

Almost 18,000 runners stepped up from their regular Saturday parkrun to enjoy the full Run 4 Wales 10k experience in 2019.

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Cardiff Bay Run is on March 29, and the ABP Newport Wales Marathon is on April 19.

However, runners can opt to do a 10k at the Newport event.

The Healthspan Porthcawl 10k returns for its second instalment on July 5 after the success of the inaugural event, before the Barry Island 10k rounds off the four race Series on August 2.